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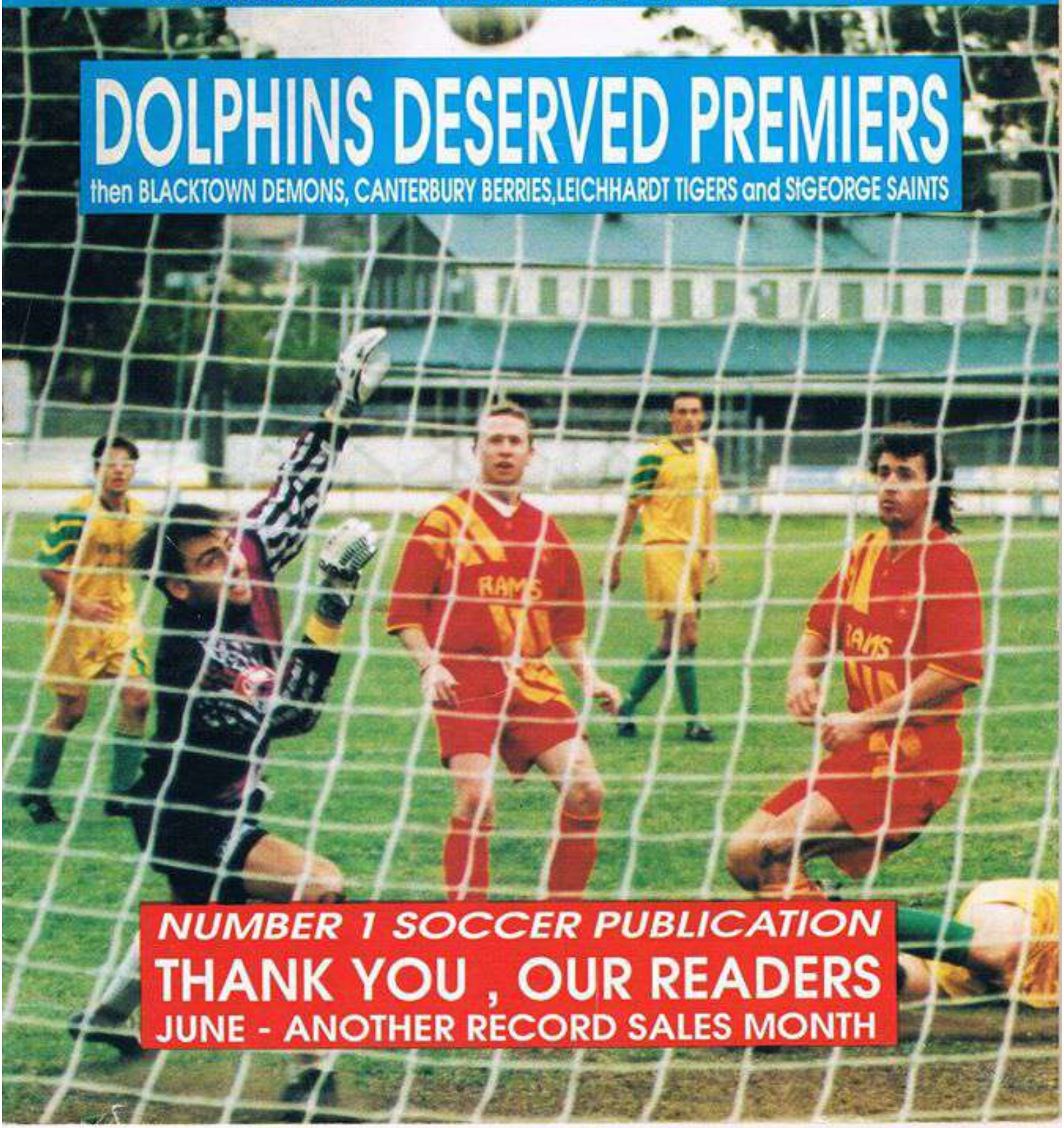

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DOLPHINS TAKE OUT FIRST TITLE

Warringah Dolphins claimed their first ever Super League premiership title after the final round was completed last weekend.

Going into the final round level on points with Blacktown City Demons, the Dolphins claimed the title with a closely fought 2-1 win over a gallant Illawarra Lions at Cromer Park.

Even if the Demons had beaten Leichhardt Tigers at the Gabbie Stadium instead of the 0-0 draw that resulted, the Dolphins still would have won because of a higher goal percentage.

It was an historic day for the northern beaches team and the best crowd for some time turned up to watch the match and hopefully be applauding the Dolphins at the finish.

Nearly 1500 people watched in cold and windy conditions, to see the Dolphins despite some shaky moments finally see off the challenge from the Wollongong club.

After only four years in existence, the club has gone from strength to strength and under the coaching of John Kosmina for the past two season's, have threatened to take a trophy or two.

However the biggest surprise of the day, was St. George grabbing fifth spot on the table. Given no hope of making the five at the start of the year, St. George slowly crept there way to a place just outside the five going into the last round. Needing a bit of luck to get there, they probably got more than they bargained for. Macarthur's win over Sutherland was the result they needed from another ground but the nerves must have been shaking violently at Rockdale, where they needed to at least force a score draw.

And with five minutes to go it looked like it would be all over for the dogged Saints, until Alex Araujo popped up to put home his shot and give the Saints the draw they needed.

The Saints have lived a rocky existence inthe last few years and had only been promoted back into the Super League due to the increase in numbers.

However this famous old club, is now determined to remain a force in the Super League and by making the finals are on the right track.

They will play Leichhardt in the Elimination Semi-Final in what should be an enthralling clash at the Gabbie Stadium, while the other semi-finalist will be the Canterbury Berries who advanced into the finals after accounting for Adamstown up in Newcastle.

NEXT WEEK IN SUPER LEAGUE

SUPER LEAGUE FINALS CALENDAR

MAJOR SEMI FINAL - Sunday 20th August
Serbian Centre - Warringah V Winner Preliminary Semi 3pm
MINOR SEMI FINAL - Saturday 19th August
Serbian Centre - Loser Preliminary Semi V Winner Elimination Semi 6pm

DIVISION ONE FINALS CALENDAR

MAJOR SEMI FINAL - Sunday 20th August
Lynwood Park - Belmore Hercules V Winner Preliminary Semi 3pm
MINOR SEMI FINAL - Saturday 19th August
Lynwood Park - Loser Preliminary Semi V Winner Elimination Semi 3pm

DIVISION TWO FINALS CALENDAR

PRELIMINARY FINAL - Saturday 19th August
Ernie Smith Reserve - Winner Minor Semi V Loser Major Semi 3pm

DOLPHINS SECURE FIRST PREMIERSHIP CROWN

Warringah Dolphins secured their first premiership title, with a nerve wracking 2-1 win over a plucky Illawarra Lions at Cromer Park.

Going into the match level on points with Blacktown City, the Dolphins in the end finished on top by two after the Demons were held to a 0-0 draw by Leichhardt Tigers.

After the match, Dolphins coach John Kosmina called on the area,s soccer community to unite as one and get behind the Dolphins as they now strive to take out the championship.

And indeed the soccer community did come out and support the Dolphins with some estimating the crowd at well in excess of 1500, something that has not been seen at a Dolphins match for quite awhile.

Hero for the Dolphins was goalkeeper Matthew Bloomfield, made two crucial saves early in the second half with the scores locked at one apiece.

Speedy Lions striker Sean Babic, was causing the nervous Dolphins defence a few problems in the first half and it came as no surprise when he forced the best out of Bloomfield.

First he tipped a cracking shot that had goal written all over it over the bar and then minutes later the two came together in a one on one contest, Bloomfield saving magnificently at Babic,s feet.

How crucial those saves were to be as only minutes later, captain Ross Etherington made the most of a second chance to score the winning goal.

The skipper,s first effort, a powerful header, was not held by Lions keeper Robert Graskoski and he pounced quickly to smash home the rebound.

It was a fitting reward for Etherington who has played almost all his football in the area and apart from Bloomfield was the best player on the park for the Dolphins.

Earlier on, the Dolphins looked anything like premiership material as they bumbled their way through the first 15 minutes of the match.

But a moment of pure magic from Jason Bennett had the large crowd looking on in awe, as he perfectly executed an overhead kick from the edge of the penalty area that gave Graskoski no chance.

Bennett,s form of the past two months has been outstanding and it also fitting that he score on this historic day.

However the Dolphins had little time to celebrate with the Lions back on level terms two minutes later. Lupcho Naumovski found himself on the end of a lovely floated pass and his half volley finish into the far post corner of the net, was just as well executed as Bennett,s.

The turning point of the match though came when Babic undid all his good work in attack for the Lions, by getting himself sent off with 15 minutes to go after rugby tackling Etherington.

This gave the Dolphins a little more security and could have extended their lead, however Bennett,s striking partner could not find his scoring boots, missing a couple of chances that he would have normally gobbled up.

It was no surprise to see the champagne flowing freely after the match and just theboost that soccer needed in the area.

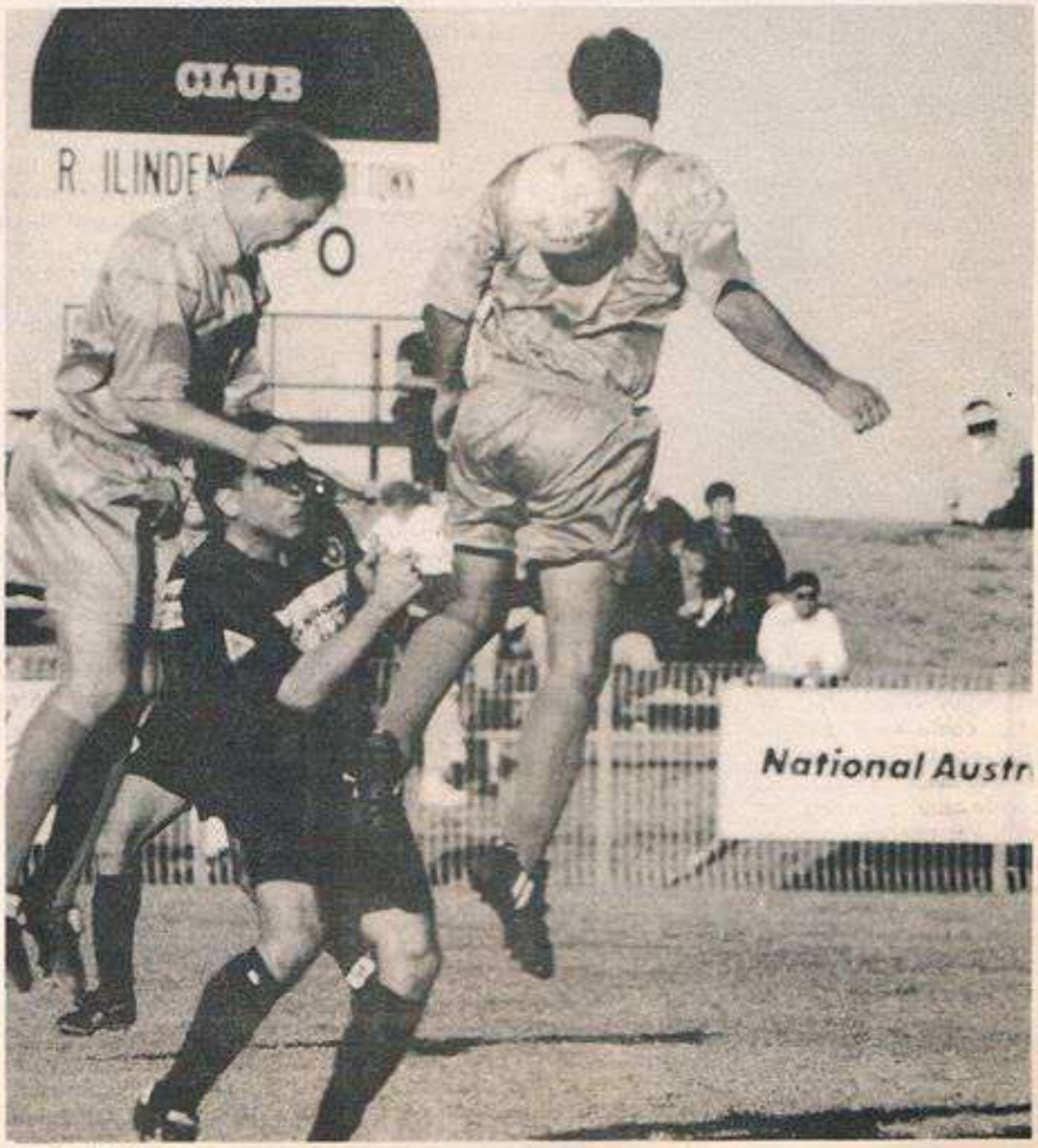
Kosmina, who also became a father for the second time during the week, said after the match, ,soccer has suffered for far too long in this area. Hopefully everyone can put past differences behind them and unite to make the game a success here in the northern beaches,, he added.

In fact the Dolphins have only been in existence for four years after the merger of the Warringah Freshwater and Manly North Shore clubs.

Since then they have survived on a pauper,s budget and it was noticeable that there were six former junior players in the squad against the Lions.

The Dolphins will now get the luxury of a weeks break, giving the players time to recover form their hangovers and any little niggling injuries they might have.

Unfortunately, the loss for the Lions also meant their chances of a semi-final spot were lost but not before giving it one almighty shake.



HUNGRY TIGERS IN DRAW WITH DEMONS

‚Leichhardt Tigers may not be the prettiest team to watch, but give us something to fight for and I will guarantee you, will nearly always achieve it.‚

These were the words echoed by Tigers coach Tony Pezzano, after his side came away from the Gabbie Stadium with a valuable point, denting Blacktown‚s premiership hopes as well as securing a semi-final spot for themselves.
Blacktown‚s chances of recapturing the premiership title they won in 1993, were thwarted anyway by the Dolphins winning at Cromer Park but they found the Tigers as tough a team as they have played all season.
The 0-0 scoreline was a true reflection of the game with neither side creating too many scoring opportunities.
We came looking for a win but in the end a point here at the Gabbie is not a bad result and it means we are still in the semi‚s‚ Pezzano added.
On the other side it was mixed feelings for Blacktown coach Ken Schembri, saying ‚I would have preferred to win but it would not have mattered as the Dolphins won anyway and it means we would have lost on goal difference, which is probably an even worse feeling.‚
If Freestone had scored for Leichhardt in the first few minutes, the whole complexion of the game would have changed but in the end it looked as though neither team were prepared to lose.‚ he added. Indeed Shaun Freestone‚s fourth minute volley which rattled the crossbar, could have changed the course of the game but unfortunately that was the closest either side came to scoring.
In fact it was a nervous start by the normally cool Demons defence and they allowed Freestone a free run at Bob Casserley‚s long ball from the right and the blonde haired striker hit shot first time but it hit the bar and went safely over the back of the goal.
From there, Blacktown dominated territorially using the flanks to good effect but good defence, led by Paul Souris, and sound keeping from Sam Butera kept the Demons at bay.
Steve Berry, who was the best player for the home side, was denied twice within the space of minutes when Butera first saved a low shot and then pulled off an even better low sharp save from a diving header by Berry. Blacktown continued to press forward but were restricted to mainly long shots.
Probably the best chance of the match for the Demons came after 20 minutes, when Adam Whan took on Craig King and beat him, floating his cross to an unmarked David Milin at the far post but his goalbound header deflected off a desperate lunge from Casserley, who arrived at the last minute and the ball going out for a corner.
Leichhardt started to come back into the game on the half hour mark with Michael Reda controlling most of the Tigers play.
Blacktown suffered a setback when Pat Bradley crashed heavily on this shoulder and at last report had suffered a bad dislocation, which could rule him out of the whole finals series.
Reda twice had shots, one going only inches over the crossbar, the second being well held by Demons keeper Dragan Pupovac.
The Demons defence was now looking a little shaky as errors started to creep into their game but fortunately they were able to scramble well each time.
The second half fizzled out as both teams took the cautious approach. Whan twice had shots blocked, while Tigers captain Scott Xuereb was denied by Martin Driene‚s desperate lunge after a scramble had developed in the Demons goal area.
Berry did have the ball in the back of the net at one stage but play was pulled back for a foul earlier on Milin.
While the good crowd might have been a little disappointed with the result, they left safely in the knowledge that both teams had qualified for the finals.

SHARKS BUCKED BY HUNGRY RAMS

Macarthur Rams emergence as a Super League team of the future, finished in perfect fashion when they accounted for a disappointing Sutherland Sharks side 1-0 at Lynwood Park.
The Sharks were expected to be too strong for the Rams, despite a week disrupted by illness, and in the process book a passage into the semi-finals but instead the loss saw them move down to seventh.
Such was the closeness of the Super League this season, a win would have seen the Sharks finish in third but that wasn't to be.
Macarthur have really come of age this year and even most of their supporters would have been a little surprised at how well they have handled the rise to the No.1 competition in the state.
Relying on a number of youngsters to get through this first year, the Rams always looked very competitive and in true Aussie fashion, always played hard right to the end.
Sutherland, who six weeks ago looked absolute certainties to make the five, were clearly shocked after the match that they had failed to get to the semi's as a 0-0 would have been enough and they clearly did not expect to lose.
The game started off very nervously, with neither side able to find away through the tight defences.
Chances were few and far between in the first half and both sides looked very even going into the second half.
Macarthur came out strong after the break, putting plenty of pressure on the Sharks defence and it paid off when they opened the scoring.
Chris Lansdowne wide out on the left was able to get his cross over, straight into the path of a rapidly advancing Scott Baillie who unleashed one of his trademark thunderbolts, the ball crashing into the back of the net.
Sutherland were then forced to go on the attack more to look for an equaliser and despite a number of chances falling their way were unable to convert and their finals hopes had disappeared.
Rams coach Hugh McCrory was delighted with the result and the way his team fought it out till the end.
"I thought we played exceptionally well out there today, especially when we were minus some key players out through injury."
"It was a good way to end the season and gives the club something to build on for next year," he added.

SAINTS SEMI'S HOPES SECURED BY DRAW

Alex Araujo might not have scored too many goals this season for the Saints but he was certainly the hero at the St. George club on Sunday night, snatching a late equaliser which gave the Saints a berth in the semi-finals.
The Saints by securing the 1-1 draw, snuck in ahead of Bankstown, Sutherland and Illawarra to grab fifth spot and a match against Leichhardt next weekend.
All looked lost for the St. George after Iain Macdonald scored his fourth goal of the year to put the Suns ahead in the 72nd minute.
But a some frantic attacks by the Saints finally paid off with Araujo's 87th minute equaliser.
Araujo brought over to the club as a goalscorer from Mt. Druitt at the start of the year, has found it hard to find the back of the net in 1995 with only four goals.
However his fifth goal will be one savioured for quite sometime out St. George way and what must surely rate as the biggest surprise of the 1995 season.
There would not have been too many punters backing the Saints to make the five but consistent results in the past month kept pushing them closer as the other teams failed to pull away.
They can also give thanks to fellow promoted club from last years 1st Division, Macarthur Rams, who did the Saints a favour by beating Sutherland and allowing St. George to sneak ahead.

BANKSTOWN LEAVE THEIR BEST FOR LAST

The Bankstown City Lions shrugged of the disappointment of having their appeal to Australian Soccer Federation against the loss of four points dismissed, by handing out a 8-1 thrashing to the hapless Stanmore Hawks at Jensen Park.

The Lions saved probably their best game of the season for last placed Stanmore, but it was all to no avail as they missed out on the finals by one point.

While many Lions supporters will curse the loss of the four points as the reason they finished out of the finals, they would have been even more bemused by the way their team played against Stanmore.

A few more performances like this one, would have meant they would not have had to worry about the four points and their poor form over the last few months which saw them win only three games was probably the main reason.

The win was biggest of the season by any team and it also showed what they can do if they have their shooting boots on.

Anthony Surjan opened the floodgates as early as the sixth minute, with Scott Gilbert and Saso Boskovski adding further goals before half-time.

Two goals within the space of a minute early in the second half, one to leading goalscorer Nikolce Joseski and a second for Gilbert, set the tone for the rest of the game.

Joseski quickly had his second, taking his tally to 17, while Mile Todoroski made it 7-0 midway through the half.

The scoring stopped for a brief period until Jason Oldridge scored a late consolation goal for the Hawks, only to see Saso Petrovski add another for the Lions in the closing stages of the game.

BERRIES GRAB THIRD PLACE

Canterbury Marrickville Berries secured the vital double chance by grabbing third spot after a solid 2-0 win over Adamstown Rosebud at Adamstown Oval.

In the middle of a tense battle just to make the five, Canterbury scored twice in the second half and keep the home side at bay to move ahead of Leichhardt on the table.

Canterbury now take on the Blacktown in the Preliminary Semi-Final this Sunday.

The first half was fairly uneventful with neither side creating too many chances of any note.

Canterbury were obviously missing the influential duo of Vlado Zoric and Zoran Ilic in the first half, mainly relying on trying to catch Adamstown on the break.

Adamstown trying desperately to move away from second last spot tried to attack at every opportunity but the bumpy pitch and windy conditions made it hard to play good football.

Cameron Hudson had probably the best chance of the first half, when he snuck in to get a touch to a deflected shot but was only able to push it straight into Steve Tolios,s arms.

In the 61st minute, Canterbury went ahead when Bryan Raeburn chipped Adamstown keeper Clint Gosling.

Gosling should have saved the ball easily but somehow he only managed to fumble the ball into the back of the net.

From then on, Adamstown tried to play catch up football but were obviously affected by their lengthy Waratah Cup match on Wednesday night and tired badly. Canterbury sealed the match, when Tom Divljak hit a good shot from the edge of the penalty box with only 15 minutes remaining.

Adamstown,s cause was not helped when Allan Gilday was sent from the field for a late challenge on Divljak.

THE SEASON IN REVIEW - Club by Club

Scott Thomas

ADAMSTOWN Buds

Leading Goalscorers: Allan Gilday - 6 goals
Biggest Win: 5-2 vs Canterbury (Round 13), 4-1 vs Illawarra (Round 10)
Biggest Loss: 0-3 vs Macarthur Rams (Round 15)
Longest Winning Run: Three games
Longest Unbeaten Run: Five games
Doubles Wins in 1995: None
Double Losses in 1995: Blacktown, Macarthur, Leichhardt, Warringah
Highlight of the Season: 5-2 demolition of Canterbury in best performance of the year
Player of the Year: Scott Thomas
Find of theYear: Scott Thomas

A year that was totally unexpected. Ever since their arrival into the Super League back in 1992, they have either been in or challenged for a top five spot and the same was expected this season. Were relying on much the same squad as last year but were minus one important face, that being Damien Smith, the 1994 Federation Gold Medal Winner. Smith was an important focal point of the attack last season and it was here that Adamstown suffered early on. Another face that was missing was Brett Eldridge who had an operation during the off-season and was expected to return at some stage during the year. Eldridge was Adamstown's top scorer last year and his goalpoaching skills were sorely missed. Adamstown had a disastrous start to the season, losing the first five games, four of those at home. Adamstown over the years were considered virtually unbeatable at home, but luck was not on their side and suffered a few narrow losses. Their first win at home came in Round 11 against Bankstown. However when it looked like they were on the road to better things a two week lay off due to wet weather, proved damaging. Three losses followed and they were still rock bottom of the table. The June long weekend saw the start of a remarkable recovery by the Buds, losing only once in 10 matches, lifting them off the bottom of the table and applying plenty of pressure on the teams above them. Adamstown suffered badly with injuries, with a number of players missing quite a few games throughout the year. Dean McWhirter's arrival back into the team coincided with better fortunes for the Buds in the second round of matches, while Graham Jennings and Cameron Hudson also put in good performances towards the end of the season. Scott Thomas came of age in his first season of Super League and has already stamped himself as a player of the future. Don't be surprised if he is part of Newcastle Breakers National League team. A bad year for the Buds but this old and proud club are sure to bounce back in 1996.

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THE SEASON IN REVIEW - Club by Club

Hawks in action

STANMORE Hawks

Leading Goalscorer/s: Jason Oldridge - 4 goals
Biggest Win: 2-0 vs Bonnyrigg White Eagles (Round 23)
Biggest Loss: 1-8 vs Bankstown City Lions (Round 26)
Longest Winning Run: One game
Longest Unbeaten Run: Four games
Doubles Wins in 1995: None
Double Losses in 1995: Canterbury, Blacktown, Macarthur, Bankstown, Mt Druitt,
Highlight of the Season: The fact that three of their five wins were against teams that made the five.
Player of the Year: Les Bihari
Find of the Year: Manuel Papageorgiou

The second year running that Stanmore have finished with the wooden spoon. Was always going to be a hard year forthe Hawks, with a number of players leaving the club and no real big name replacements were found. Steve Karavatakis went to St. George as did Christian Martinez, while Tony Alilovic, George Kalogeras, Harry Adamou, Peter Papouthis all left. New coach Nick Kartambis was relying on youth and as the season went on it became terribly hard to put out a team that was competitive in the Super League. Started the season on a high with a good first up win but lack of goals became a huge problem for the Hawks. Had a good spell from Round 6 to Round 9, culminating in a win against eventual league premiers Warringah Dolphins. However from there is was all downhill in the middle of the season drawing once with Illawarra and eventaully being overtaken by Adamstown for bottom spot. Did put together a number of impressive performances later in the season with three late wins but that was all too late and the rest of the teams put a big gap between themselves and the Hawks. Not even the arrival of Branko Milosevic and Ante Juric, on loan from Sydney Olympic, could inspire the Hawks and it was no surprise to see Kartambis replaced by Vince Estavillo. Biggest problem all year was lack of goals and 18 from 26 games is not a good return. Defensively were very good early on, with captain and goalkeeper Les Bihari in outstanding form. He was named the Goalkeeper of the Month for March and throughout the season saved his team from some fairly big defeats. Number of young players that showed signs of promise with Manuel Papageorgiou earning some good reports from other club coaches.

Leading Goalscorer/s: Matthew Bingley - 8 goals
Biggest Win: 7-3 vs Stanmore Hawks (Round 11)
Biggest Loss: 0-5 vs Bonnyrigg White Eagles (Round 13)
Longest Winning Run: Two games (three times)
Longest Unbeaten Run: Four games
Doubles Wins in 1995: Rockdale Suns, Stanmore Hawks
Double Losses in 1995: Leichhardt Tigers, Warringah Dolphins
Highlight of the Season: Matthew Bingley's four goals vs Stanmore in Round 11
Player of the Year: Gary Van Egmond
Find of the Year: Jason Flynn

Recovered well after a very poor start and but for a little inconsistency could have finished a little higher on the table. Were forced to rebuild after a number of players left the club and new coach John Turner certainly had a tough start to his Super League coaching career. Lost first five games and it looked as though they would be in for a long hard year. However the arrival of Bingley, Van Egmond, Craig Moffitt and Steven Dunn in Round 6, culminated in a great win at home over arch rivals Blacktown City, who had opened the season with five straight wins. This saw a run of four wins from six games and a dramatic jump up the table. A run of score draws mid-season kept the club in touch with the five but two straight losses in Rounds 20 and 21 ended any hopes they had of making the finals. Mt. Druitt's biggest problem was their defence, conceding 43 goals. Found the net often enough but suffered from defensive lapses, which cost them certain wins. Another problem they found was lack of experience in the first grade squad. Turner at many stages throughout the year had to call on a number of players that were no older than 20. Did unearth a good young player in Jason Flynn and this seasons experience in first grade will have set him up for a bright future. The three National League players certainly helped Mt. Druitt's cause and but for them things could have been a lot worse. It is already known that Turner will not be at the club next year, so Mt. Druitt will have to go on another search for a coach.

With the Super League competition being reduced to 12 teams next year and Parramatta Eagles (at this stage) returning to the league and one and possibly two coming up from the 1st Division, Mt. Druitt will be fighting hard to retain their position.

Mt.DRUITT Rangers

Gary Van Egmond

THE SEASON IN REVIEW - Club by Club

Scott Baillie

MACARTHUR Rams

Leading Goalscorer/s: Scott Baillie - 9 goals
Biggest Win: 3-0 vs Adamstown Rosebud (Round 15)
Biggest Loss: 1-5 vs Bonnyrigg (Round 6), 0-4 vs Canterbury (Round 24)
Longest Winning Run: Two games (twice)
Longest Unbeaten Run: Five matches
Doubles Wins in 1995: Adamstown, Stanmore, Bankstown
Double Losses in 1995: Warringah, Bonnyrigg, Blacktown
Highlight of the Season: Stunning upset 2-1 win over unbeaten Bankstown in Round 9.
Player of the Year: Scott Baillie
Find of the Year: Ben Green

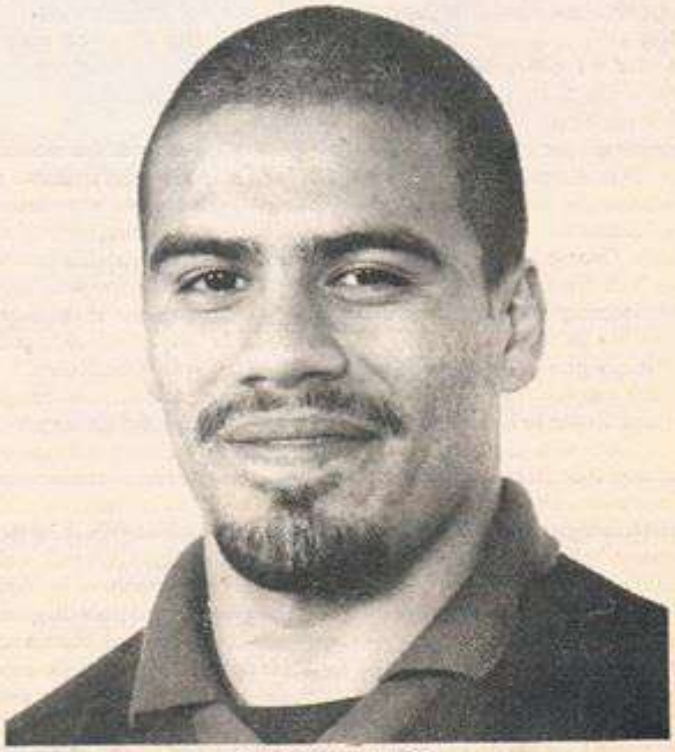
Most people were predicting Macarthur to struggle in their first season in the Super League (I was one). However like most of my predictions this year (well thats what everybody is was telling me) I was wrong, as the Rams led by coach Hugh McCrory, showed that a team can be very competitive in this competition despite being on a limited budget. At times there lack of depth became very noticeable but overall they gave most sides a good run for their money. Macarthur were fortunate enough to pick up the services of experienced campaigner Scott Baillie from the league champions Bankstown City Lions and he showed what a tremendous player he is. He always led by example and finished as leading goalscorer even though he played many games in defence. The Rams made everybody sit up and take notice in the opening few rounds, with three wins from four games. But it was the win over Bankstown in Round 9 that took everybody by surprise as last years champions were undefeated and looking hot favourites to take the title once again. That loss started a big slide for Lions which saw them miss the finals. Relying on youth, the Rams remained mid-table for most of the season and up until Round 24 were still in the hunt for a finals spot. The arrival of experienced players Troy Shipley and Eddie Clune nearly eight matches into the season certainly helped the Rams cause, as injuries and suspensions certainly took their toll. However it was the young players that should take a lot of credit for the Rams success. Ben Green, Shane Rayner, Ben Fairley, Allan Hack, Doug Anabalon, who all probably thought they would be playing Under 21's for the season, all played significant roles when called upon.

Ended the season on a high with a win over Sutherland, which put paid to the Sharks finals hopes. Overall a good season and with the ground developments moving along nicely, the Rams will be a force to be reckoned with in the next few years.

Leading Goalscorer/s: Stefan Janic - 5 goals
Biggest Win: 5-0 vs Canterbury (Round 4) and Mt. Druitt Town (Round 13)
Biggest Loss: 0-2 (seven games)
Longest Winning Run: One game
Longest Unbeaten Run: Three games
Doubles Wins in 1995: Macarthur Rams
Double Losses in 1995: St. George Saints, Blacktown City, Sutherland Sharks
Highlight of the Season: Superb five goal demolition of last seasons grand finalist Canterbury.
Player of the Year: Johnny Ghisso
Find of the Year: Jason Matthews

The Jekyll and Hyde team of the Super League. One week they would wipe any team of the park, the next though they would be down right awful. Inconsistency cost Bonnyrigg dearly and a mid-season slump had near the foot of the table. Bonnyrigg's coach Dez Marton went in with a large squad, many of these talented youngsters that performed so well the previous year in the Under 21's. However while it was a relatively young squad, many thought they would be a good show of a finals spot. After the first ten rounds were well placed just outside the five and had recorded a couple of big victories. The 5-0 whitewash of Canterbury, was a brilliant display of attacking football and this was followed at home by another big win over Macarthur. However while home form was great, away form was nothing to get enthusiastic about. The loss of Roman Nikolic early on through injury for the rest of the season was a big blow, for his organisational skills in the middle of the park were only just being felt. The club then went through a mid-season form slump, going seven matches without a win and slumping well down the table. Suspensions hit the Eagles hard, as Marton found it difficult to put the same side on the park two weeks in a row. In fact, they only won twice in their last 16 games. With the situation looking pretty grim they even called on the services of NSW Soccerblues players David Barrett and George Sorras. Liked to play good attacking football but lacked a consistent goalscorer to take advantage of the many chances created. Marton was eventually replaced with only three games to go but if the Eagles can keep the nucleus of this side together, they will have a very good team going around next year. Petrovic, Giesen, Matthews, Ninkovic, Skataric, Mitrovic and Hoenselaars are still only around 20 and they will have learn't a lot this year. Not the best of years for the Eagles but they are sure to bounce back.

BONNYRIGG W.Eagles



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N.S.W. SOCCERBLUES OPEN

The NSW Soccerblues began their 6-day tour of Korea, with a first up loss to the Korean National University team on Saturday afternoon. Played in stifling heat and humidity, the NSW players suffered terribly in the conditions but fought on gamely to lose by three goals to nil.

Nick Orlic and Ante Moric had to be replaced at half-time both suffering severe dehydration in the 42 degrees heat, while most of the other players found the going hard as the game wore on.

The first game was always going to be tough, especially when it was been played only 18 hours after they had arrived in the country and then had to travel three hours in a bus to Tae Jun City, a fact which concerned NSW coach David Ratcliffe.

"Having to play less than 24 hours after a long 10 hour flight is not the ideal preparation for any game, but the fact we had to travel for three hours in a bus on the morning of the match made it twice as difficult," Ratcliffe said over the phone.

"You could see the players were tired before the start of the match and the heat just added to the problems,"he added.

This match also marked the return to football of Gabriel Mendez, the Parramatta Eagles and Socceroo midfielder, who was seriously injured earlier this year.

Mendez, a late inclusion into the squad along with Robbie Middleby, showed glimpses of his tremendous skills but suffered badly from blisters to his feet, having to come off in the second half.

The Korean University team, mainly made up members of the Korean Olympic side also featured a regular member of the National team as one of their strikers.

They quickly gained the ascendency against the flat-footed Soccerblues, who took a long time to get into the match.

The Koreans, naturally quick and skillful, were quite prepared to move the ball around using the conditions to there advantage.

However the Soccerblues defence was up to the task and blunted most of the Koreans attacks, with Orlic, Robbie Stanton and Adam Ciantar called on to do a mountain of work.

NSW found it hard to penetrate the Korean defence early in the first half, the keeper not forced to make any great saves of note.

University took the lead in the 34th minute, when a corner was cleared to a Korean player standing 30 metres out and his first time shot through a crowd of players in the penalty area gave NSW goalkeeper Mike Gibson no chance, with his view obstructed.

Soon afterwards the Soccerblues were two goals down from another corner.

A well struck shot from inside the box, was only partially stopped by Gibson before it rolled over the line.

Towards the end of the half, it was patently obvious the NSW players were suffering from the heat.

However right on the stroke of half-time, NSW striker Norman Tome, who was very active up front, hit a well struck shot that forced a good save from the Korean keeper.

With Orlic and Moric clearly not well at half-time, Ratcliffe was forced to make two substitutions with George Sorras coming on for Orlic and Middleby on for Moric.

The second half however saw the temperature come down a little and this change saw a new approach from the Soccerblues.

NSW best opportunity came in the 55th minute from a Matthew Horsley shot, which was brilliantly saved by the Korean keeper.

The fast pace of the game was soon taking its toll on a number of players, Mendez coming off and being replaced by David Zdrilic, while Vlado Zoric came on for Eric Hristodoulou.

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KOREAN TOUR WITH 3-0 LOSS

These changes made a big difference as they started to cause a few problems in the Korean defence but unfortunately there were no goals to show for it. With 15 minutes left on the clock, Ante Milicic came on for a tired Tome and his speed nearly caught the Korean defence napping on a number of occassions. Middleby had a one on one with the keeper with 10 minutes to go but the Korean keeper kept his goal intact yet again.

With only minutes to go, Korea made it 3-0 after good build up work which was well finished by the Korean International player.

Despite the scoreline, Ratcliffe was pleased with the players performance saying, "Under the conditions it was a great effort. I don't think we deserved to lose by that margin but good luck to them they are a pretty good side."

"We chased the ball a lot in the first half, but the second half was much better and I thought we were at least the equal to them," he added.

"With a few days rest the players should be better equipped to handle the next game on Tuesday and I believe it will be a more even contest."

Best players for the Soccerblues were Peter Tsekenis, Ciantar, Stanton and Horsley.

NSW Soccerblues Line-up

Mike Gibson, David Barrett, Adam Ciantar, Peter Tsekenis, Nick Orlic (George Sorras), Eric Hristodoulou (Vlado Zoric), Ante Moric (Robbie Middleby), Gabriel Mendez (David Zdrilic), Matthew Horsley, Norman Tome (Ante Milicic), Robbie Stanton. Sub not used: Frank Mikuletic

RATCLIFFE FORCED TO MAKE CHANGES

NSW Soccerblues coach David Ratcliffe, will be forced to make changes to his starting line-up for the second game against the Korean National University team on Tuesday.

Ratcliffe was forced to make the changes after the extreme heat conditions, forced a number of players form the field with severe dehydration.

Nick Orlic and Ante Moric were the two worst affected and Ratcliffe said he does not want to take any chances with their health. George Sorras will come in for Orlic, while Ante Milicic will probably come in for Moric.

David Zdrilic is likely to get a start, while reserve keeper Frank Mikuletic will be given a run in goal.

Definitely out of the second game will be Gabriel Mendez, who according to Ratcliffe has shocking blisters to his feet.

Ratcliffe said Mendez won't play the second game but will probably play half a game in the third match on Thursday.

The Soccerblues are keen to put in a better performance than on Saturday.

Full match reports of the second and third games will appear in the next issue of Super Soccer.

MENDEZ MAKES SOLID RETURN

Gabriel Mendez made a solid return to the playing field after a six month layoff with a serious knee injury.

Mendez, damaged his knee after a tackle by Wollongong City's Pat Bradley in a National League game back in February. At first it was thought the injury might end his football career, however Mendez has responded well to intensive therapy and after some impressive

training sessions with the Soccerblues it was decided he make the trip to Korea after Matthew Bingley withdrew due to a groin injury.

Mendez played for almost an hour of the first match and was forced off with bad blisters to his feet and lack of match practice.

He showed glimpses of his old self and hopes to be fully fit by the time the National League begins next month, despite not knowing where he will be playing.

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SUPER LEAGUE CLUB NEWS

BLACKTOWN CITY

* The Reserves under coach Norm Boardman, his first year at the Gabbie, have swept to the top position in their competition. From the 26 games they won 18 scoring 60 goals and having just 20 put past them. A record to be proud of They go into the Top Five Series as favourites to take out the double.
Allan Grant has a two from two record as Under 18's coach. His team has run with a small squad and consequently given chances to players form the Under 16's.
Despite this they have been dominated ending up with a goal difference of 65 with 82 goals going into their various opponents nets.
The first team has the proud boast of not having been beaten at home and go into the finals with confidence.
* The crowds at the Gabbie this season have been enlarged by successful promotions with Blacktown Association clubs. The Final of the Under 10's Knockout Competition proved a big attraction on the final day of the home and away League. Both teams put on a top show of football and the two goals, both headers, were equally brilliant from one so young. Rooty Hill RSL eventually overcome the plucky Seven Hills United team on penalties.
* The recent Lawrie McKinna night was a great success give his Testimonial a big boost. There were many former Demons players in the Club on the night and it was great to see them again.
The next event is a Golf Day at Ashlar Golf Club, Blacktown on Wednesday September 6.

LEICHHARDT TIGERS

* Well done Tigers, a fantastic result for the club and for a team that in our opinion has played the most attractive soccer within the Super League. Tony Pezzano has done a great job and we are sure that the team will figure well in the Final Series.
* For the first time in the last 7 weeks Tony Pezzano is able to select his first eleven with all players being fit including Klaus Okon, and Jason Falzon, Michael Reda should be fit as well after his very strong performance against the Blacktown Demons. The Clubs' goal in reaching the final five has been achieved and the credit must go to the players and the coach.
*The policy of Tony Pezzano have also made possible for the Debut of one of our most outstanding young players, David Blinoff who has not played U/21 but only U/18 and the fact that David is only 16 years, surely a player with a great future. Recognition must be given to one of our most promising player, who has scored so many wonderful goals, Anthony La-Gazia. A player that has never played in a Youth League Team and is now on the lips of most NSL Scouts.
* Our Latin Night is all but sold out and it promises to be a great night. On the night 15 mobile phones can be won, plus a Trip for two to the Gold Coast staying at the famous Jupiter Casino. Prizes for the raffle are kindly donated by Gem Entertainment and Travel and Protucson Mobile Solutions for You, thank you.

MACARTHUR

* The Rams development Coach Barry Davis has announced that a final Level One coaching Course wil lbe conducted on Tuesdays and Wednesday 12/13 and 19/20 September at Blinman Park, Glenfield, starting at 7pm sharp. This is the last opportunity for local coaches to gain their Level One Accreditation in '95. Bookings may be made by ringing Barry Davis on (02) 605 7308.
* A school Holiday Coaching Camp will be conducted during the first week of the September School Holidays. The Rams Camps are the biggest and most professional in the area, providing qualified coaches. Many youngsters will use this camp as a preparation for the Representative Teams Trials which starts only a couple of weeks after. Bookings may be made by ringing Barry Davis on (02) 605 7308.
The Cost of the Camp is $100 which covers the players for full coaching from 9am until 4pm.

ILLAWARRA LIONS

* The Lions completed their return to the Super League with an unfortunate loss to State League Champions Warringah Dolphins. This loss dashed our hopes of a play off position but the entire club is extremely proud of the efforts of the players, our aim of consolidation was achieved and we unearthed top talent particularly Robert Graskoski, Paul Robaard, Peter Preston, Anthony Driene, Grahame Watton and Toni Naumovski. The future looks outstanding for The Lions and we will be pressing to make the play offs in 1996.
* Congratulations to our Youth League Teams who have achieved promoting in their very first year of existence. The Under 14's and Under 15's have reached the playoffs with both teams a chance of the Championship going into the last game. Many thanks to coaches Glenn Fontana, Dave Devenney, Richard Lloyd and Frank Ruiz for their efforts. A special thanks to David Watts, our convener and managers of the respective teams and the many parents who have helped in laying the foundations for a great future for our club.
* The annual presentation will be held on November 4, it should be a great night as we celebrate our triumphant return to Super League Football and the promotion of our juniors to Division One.
* The club would like to thank its sponsors in particular, Rams Home Loans and Transfield for their support during this season.
* The club will be holding a coaching clinic in the September holidays. There will be elite coaching available which will be under the guidance of club coach Glenn Fontana. For more details phone (042) 716844 or (041) 4924015.
* Finally, many thanks to Prime TV and Phil Murphy of the Illawarra Mercury for their excellent coverage of our season and to the many supporters who have followed our fortunes during 1995.

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MEET THE PLAYERS

Name: **Steven Riches**
Nickname: Richo
Date of Birth: 6th August, 1978
Occupation: Student
Marital Status: Single
Current Club: Warringah Dolphins
Previous Club/s: Parramatta Eagles, St. George
Playing Position: Left back
Hardest Opponent: Sean Cranney
Biggest moment in soccer: Captain for Australian Schoolboys versus Chile.
Biggest disappointment: Dropped from Australian U/17 Joeys squad.
Most memorable goal you have scored: Scored the winner from a free kick in Australia's 2-1 win over the Uruguay U/17 team.
Favourite Overseas player\s: Steve Staunton, Jurgen Klinsmann
Favourite Overseas club\s: Tottenham
Worst injury you have suffered: Stress fracture of lower back.
Favourite other sports person\s: Linford Christie
Favourite Actors/Actresses: Tom Hanks, Sean Connery, JuliaRoberts
Favourite Movie\s: JFK
Favourite Food\s: Pasta, Mexican
Favourite Musicians or Group: U2
Favourite Holiday Spot: New York and Florida
Country you would most like to visit: France

Name: **Anthony Versi**
Nickname: Vers
Date of Birth: 14th May, 1969
Occupation: Builder
Marital Status: Married
Current Club: Blacktown City Demons
Previous Club\s: Warringah Dolphins, Melita Eagles
Playing Position: Forward
Biggest moment in soccer: Winning 1989 Grand Final with Melita Eagles
Most memorable match you have played in: Why: 1989 Grand Final, because we beat Blacktown.
Favourite Australian player/s: Frank Farina
Favourite Overseas player\s: Hagi
Favourite Overseas Club\s: AC Milan, Manchester United
If you could play in any one match, what would it be: An FA Cup Final
Ambitions as far as soccer goes: To play for Australia
Favourite other sport\s: Football
Favourite hobbies: Fishing
Favourite TV Show\s: Home Improvement
Favourite Drinks: Bourbon
Favourite Foods: Big fat steak.
Favourite country you have visited: Spain
Favourite Car: AC Cobra
Favourite Aftershave: Jazz
Favourite Nightspot: Carmens in Miranda
If you could buy any one thing, what would it be: A little island in Queensland.

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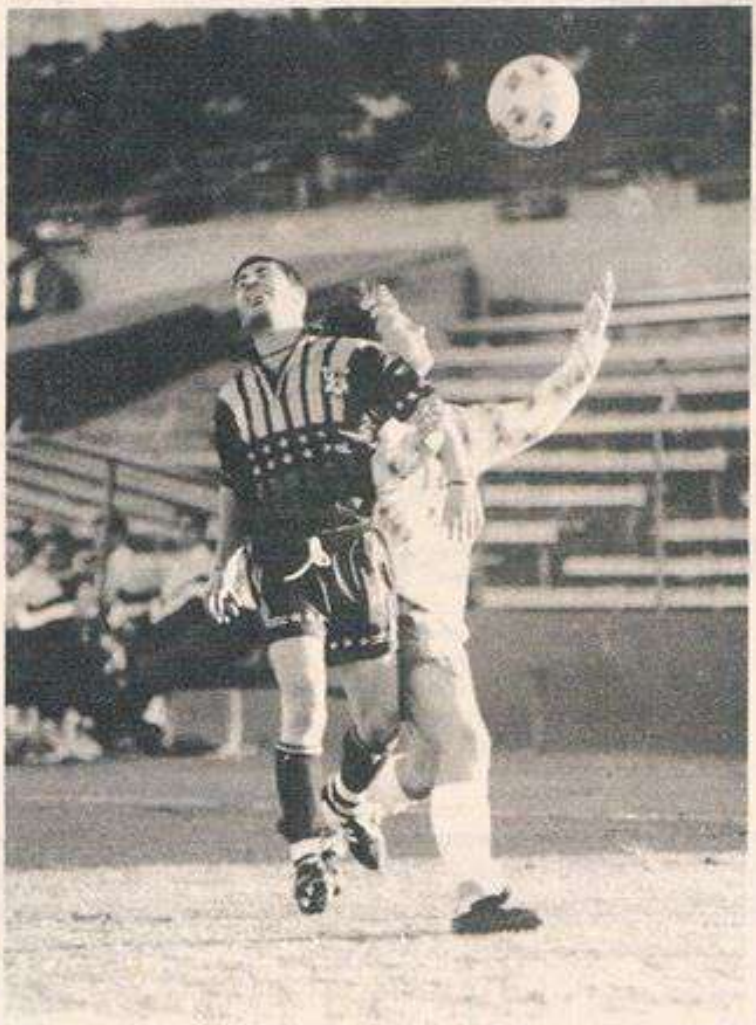
WHO WILL PROGRESS TO THE MINOR SEMI-FINAL?

Two of the Federation's founding members are reuniting for the first time since in finals series since 1976. They have however met on a few occasions in the National League finals series, the last time in my recollection being the 1987 Grand Final, which was won by St George 4-0.

Both clubs have gone under some significant changes since their hey days but the great rivalry these two famous old clubs have, is sure to be reignited this Saturday. During the 1960's these two sides were arguably the best in Australia and fought many a great battle. And going through the records of finals matches played in the top NSW league, these two have met more times than any two other teams - no less than 14 times. And for the record, both have won six times, with two games drawn. This will be Leichhardt's 15th appearance in a federation finals series, while it will also be St. George's 15th appearance.



FORM: Leichhardt: At the start of the season, Leichhardt were favoured to be one of the teams to beat and for a time were looking as though they would. However too many drawn matches saw the Tigers slip behind both Blacktown and Warringah in the middle stages and they then became involved in a tense struggle for the top five. The Tigers having come under new administration at the start of the year were ambitious enough and went and spent big enticing a number of National League players for loan stints including Michael Reda, Jason Falzon and Paul Souris. Add to that Klaus Okon and Walter Ardone, who both have NSL experience and the makings were there for a good side. Tony Pezzano came in as coach in Round 7, taking over from Nick Cosentino and an immediate change came over the team. But there lack of a potent goalscorer cost them dearly and games they should have won were been drawn because chances were not taken. A slump towards the end, threatened to end their season early but a win over Canterbury and draw with Blacktown in the last round, got them through.

St. George: A courageous effort by the Saints to even get this far and whether they win or lose this weekend, they can be justifiably proud of their performance this season. One loss in the last nine games was what got the Saints to the finals and in the end scrapped in by the odd point over three teams. Needed a little bit of luck to get there and it was Macarthur beating Sutherland that provided that bit of luck. While not a team of stars and having to rely on a fair few youngsters, Peter Katholos did a marvellous job to weld the team together and produce a side capable of making the five. Had disappointing start with a loss to Stanmore but some good results followed, to only see a run of four losses put them down near the bottom of the table. St. George all year were one side that always proved hard to beat with Blacktown being the only side to beat them twice this year. Never really looked like they would make the five up until the last couple of weeks, when the teams above failed to grab the wins required. They paid the price with St. George coming home strong and causing the surprise of the season so far.

Home and Away Games this Season: The first match between these two was an absolute cracker at Lambert Park. The Tigers looked to have the game sown up soon after half-time, leading 2-1 and the Saints reduced to ten men after Katholos had been sent off. However St. George produced a grandstand finish and grabbed a late equaliser in time added on. The second game at St. George Stadium saw the home side come out on top thanks to two goals from Steve Karavatakis, whose return to form late in the season was one the sparks which got the Saints to the semi's.

PREVIEW: Probably the most unlikeliest of finalists to meet in this Elimination Semi-Final. Not too many people would have thought St. George would get this far but now they are there, they are sure to cause a few flutters amongst the other teams. This game brings together two very different styles of play, with Leichhardt likely to play a more compact game while St. George have often been referred to this year as the entertainers of the Super League. With neither side have played in a finals match for quite a few years, there are sure to a lot of nerves about on Saturday and the early stages are sure to be very tentative. Remember whoever losses this game is out - no second chances. Remarkably Leichhardt for the first time since Tony Pezzano took over, will have a full squad to choose from. Hit by a series of injuries and suspensions over the past two months, the Tigers have had to call on a number of youngsters to fill in but if Paul Bourke and Klaus Okon get through fitness tests this weekend they will have a full squad. Back as well will be Jason Falzon from suspension. St. George themselves will be just about at full strength, the only person missing being Katholos, who is out suspended for one more week. Ivo De Jesus could also be back, after playing in the Australian Schoolboys Championships in Perth but that will depend on whether he can get a clearance from Sydney Olympic to continue. Should be a very entertaining game and the battle of wits between the two respective coaches will see a battle on it's own. Hard to pick this one and could come down to a penalty shootout, which is anyone's guess.

Finals Record (Federation only)

Leichhardt (P)42 (W)16 (D)9 (L)17 (F)78 (A)73

St. George (P)43 (W)22 (D)4 (L)14 (F)77 (A)68

* There are three games unaccounted for from the 1960's.

SUPER LEAGUE

Elimination Semi-Final

LEICHHARDT TIGERS V ST GEORGE SAINTS

Gabbie Stadium, Saturday 12th August

FIRST GRADE 3 pm

TEAM COLOURS
Maroon Shirt
Blue Shorts
Maroon Socks
COACH : Tony Pezzano

Frank Mikuletic 1
Paul Souris 2
Klaus Okon 3
Robert Casserly 4
Craig King 6
Jason Falzon 7
Michael Reda 8
Scott Xuereb 9
Paul Bourke 10
Shaun Freestone 11
Anthony La Grazia 15

Subs
Serkan Aktas 12
Mite Talcevski 13
Jeremy Pettenon 16
Sam Butera 20

TEAM COLOURS
White & Red Shirt
White & Red Shorts
White Socks
COACH : Peter Katholos

1 Tony Kostadinovski
2 Paull Walker
3 Costa Caimakamis
4 Paul Carter
5 Blago Milicevic
7 Steve Karavatakis
8 Alex Araujo
12 Colin McAusland
13 Christian Martinez
15 John Buonavoglia
14 John Pillemer

Subs
6 Tony Danaskos
19 Michael Zdrilic
16 Richard Lasek
18 Steven Scotti
20 Paul Kyprianou

RESERVE GRADE 1 pm

ADAMSTOWN ROSEBUD V WARRINGAH DOLPHINS

Liam Baker
Troy Filipcevic
Rocco De Grandis
Nick Jack
Adam Routledge
Ryan Smith
George Safouris
Brett Thomas
Steven Kacev
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David Laime
Adam Townsend
Darren Sekulic
Martin Ranaldi
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UNDER 18 COMPETITION 11 am

BONNYRIGG W.E. V MACARTHUR RAMS

Scott Ashton
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Neil Glass
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Joe Surace
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Steven Bizaya
Costel Lungu
Danie Neculman

Graeme White
Darren Carney
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Christian Rasmus
Brian Rojas
David Reid
Joshua Kasun
Brendan Straw
David Thomsen
Ben Smith
Neil Carion
Glenn James
Julian Carion
Drew Adam
Douglas Anabalon
Shane Rayner
Ernie Kencalo

WHO WILL PROGRESS TO THE MAJOR SEMI-FINAL?

Despite both teams participating in a finals series of the NSW State League on many previous occasions, neither team has actually ever met in a semi-final or grand final before. For the record this is Blacktown's fifth straight appearance in the Super League finals series, while Canterbury is in their third successive series.

In fact Blacktown has the envious record of having participated in every finals series except two, since coming into the league in 1978 (excludes the six seasons they have participated in the National League competition).

For Canterbury, one of the original founding members of the NSW Soccer Federation of Clubs in 1957, it is their ninth appearance in a finals series.

FORM: Blacktown: Along with Warringah Dolphins, were clearly the better sides in the competition. For most of the season went neck and neck with the northern beaches side and it was only in the last game of the season, that the premiership title was claimed. Won first five games of the season but a slump in form over the next six weeks saw them lose three games and let Warringah catch them up on the table.

However one loss in the last 15 matches saw the Demons at the top of the table and it was only when Warringah beat Canterbury in a deferred game four weeks ago, that they drew level with the Demons and with a superior goal difference had the edge on them. As it turned out, the Demons could only draw with Leichhardt in the last match and the title was safely in the hands of the Dolphins.

Canterbury: Started the season off in excellent fashion, losing only once in their first eight matches. However a period where they picked up only two points from four games hit them quite hard and from then on it was always a struggle to remain in the top five. During the middle part of the season they won two matches and drew eight, three of those scoreless draws. Looked like they would miss the finals after two heavy defeats to Warringah and Blacktown, with only three matches left. Made it to the finals and a surprise third spot with a win up in Newcastle over Adamstown in the finals game. A loss would have ended their season.

Home and Away Games this Season: Blacktown so far this season has the edge on Canterbury, winning both matches of the home and away series. They first met in Round 10 at Arlington Oval, with Adam Whan scoring the only goal of the game early in the first half. The second match at the Gabbie Stadium was a little more one-sided with the Demons winning 3-0. This was probably the best performance by Blacktown all season, with Whan notching a double and David Milin getting the third goal.

PREVIEW: While Blacktown were fairly impressive in there two games against Canterbury during the season, finals football is a completely different story. Anything can happen, as nerves and pressure etch there way into every game. And like I said neither of these two teams have ever met in a finals series before, so there are bound to be a few nerves. Last season, Blacktown went out in the minor semi-final to Warringah after finishing fourth, while Canterbury went all the way to the Grand Final but were eventually beaten by a superior Bankstown City team 3-1. Both teams go into this match under strength and it could be a battle of whoever's the fittest will go through. Blacktown will be missing key midfielder and playmaker Pat Bradley, who looks like he could be out for the whole series. He fell on his shoulder very awkwardly last Sunday and suffered a severe dislocation and it is still up in the air about the extent of the injury. Apart from Bradley, the Demons had a couple of players walking very gingerly after the Leichhardt game in Steve Berry and Adam Whan but coach Ken Schembri was confident they will be right for this match. Canterbury meanwhile have been racked by suspensions, with Zoran Ilic, Spiro Hantzis and Matthew Percy all out through cards. On a positive note for the Berries though, will be the return of Vlado Zoric, who was away last week with the NSW Soccerblues in Korea. Should be a closely fought game as they usually always are between these two teams and lets hope an early goal can settle the game down and open up play and provide an entertaining game for the spectators. Blacktown should win this one just on form and player strength but they will be made to work for it all the way by the Berries. For the loser, they know they have the comfort of a second chance.

Teams Finals Record (Federation only)

Blacktown City (P)23 (W) 8 (D)5 * (L)10 (F)30 (A)26

* Two of these drawn games went to penalty shootouts - won 1, lost 1

Canterbury Berries (P) 21 (W)11 (D) 2 (L) 8 (F)48 (A)38

SUPER LEAGUE

Preliminary Semi-Final

BLACKTOWN CITY V CANTERBURY MARRICKVILLE

Serbian Centre, Sunday 13th August

FIRST GRADE 3 pm

TEAM COLOURS White & Red & Black Shirt Black Shorts Black Socks COACH : Ken Schembri		TEAM COLOURS Blue Shirt Blue Shorts Gold Socks COACH : John Xipolitas	
Dragan Pupovac	1	1	Steve Tolios
David Scott	2	2	Michael Kariamis
Jason Connolly	3	4	Michael Raeburn
Damon Langan	4	7	Tom Divljak
Andrew Brockbank	6	8	Vlado Zoric
Steve Berry	8	9	John Manolopoulos
David Milin	9	10	Louie Dounis
Adam Whan	10	11	Damien Smith
Martin Driene	11	12	Burim Zajmi
Damien Foxe	17	15	Anthony Drouzas
Scott Ashton	18	17	Angelo Markopoulos
Subs		Subs	
Sarkis Boudaher	12	13	Steve Christoforidis
Anthony Versi	14	14	Bryan Raeburn
Warren Hayward	15	20	Nick Mihas
Anthony Gigliotti	16		

RESERVE GRADE 1 pm

BONNYRIGG W.E. V LEICHHARDT TIGERS

Christian Gonzalez	Sam Butera
Mladen Kos	Anthony Tesoro
Rodrigo Salinas	Anthony Trieste
Michael Davenport	James Magiasis
Carlos Ormazabal	John Nicita
Daniel Blanusa	Frank Malgiollo
Sasa Djuric	Gaetano Stagnita
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Adraino Maiorca	George Saad
Slobodan Knezevic	Riges Younan
Dalibor Strbac	Leo Mauceri
Vladimir Skataric	James Green
Johhny Ghisso	Willie Aliosi
Jason Matthews	Peter Bennett
David Petrovic	
Sascha Giesen	

UNDER 18 COMPETITION 11 am

ST GEORGE SAINTS V ADAMSTOWN ROSEBUD

Jose Bello-Amigo	Chris Bowling
Ben Price	James Fitzgerald
Anthony Matthews	Neil Orton
Trent Holmes	Marty Lau
Nathan Quinlan	Michael Pryce
Chris Charalambos	Chris Stevens
Ali El Reda	Paul Donnelly
Joseph Ellul	Shane Locke
Con Sigrimis	Brett Moore
Hakan Erdogan	Lincoln Knott
Hussein Hijazi	Matthew Helinski
Gordon Sutherland	David Hodgson
Goran Krstevski	Nick Johns
Mohamed Sabra	Gareth Deeg
Paul O,Grady	Chris Matthews
Nick Purdue	Corey Filipcevic
Adam Brodbeck	
Hussein Saab	

DIVISION TWO

Major Semi-Final

PENRITH V BANKSTOWN SPORTS

Ernie Smith Reserve, Saturday 12th August

FIRST GRADE 3 pm

Mike Gibson - 1	1 - Tony Marco
Rod Wilson - 2	2 - Steve Duval
Don Campbell - 3	3 - Lucas Casserley
Brian Ostrowski - 4	4 - Mark Smithwick
Darren McEntee - 5	5 - Mick Necovski
Matthew Henderson - 6	6 - Andrew Callanan
Ian Wotherspoon - 7	7 - David Huxley
Daniel Margetts - 8	8 - Scott Spurway
Jason Wyngaard - 9	9 - Charlie Mellino
Glenn Donegal - 10	10 - Alan Linley
Chris Ackerley - 11	11 - Brad Glassock
Subs	Subs
Martin Dunn - 12	12 - Tom Psaradellis
Pat Casey - 13	13 - David Alderton
Glen McCaffrey - 14	14 - Josh Wells
Richard Astone - 15	15 - Glen Hall
Darren Moss - 16	16 - Scott Dwyer
Justin Burns - 17	G/K - Adam Blatch

DIVISION TWO

Minor Semi-Final

BATHURST '75 V CONCORD JUNIORS

Ernie Smith Reserve, Sunday 13th August

FIRST GRADE 3 pm

B. Barcham - 1	1 - D. Viskovich
D. Judge - 2	2 - M. Pantalone
S. West - 3	3 - M. Pellicciaro
A. Collins - 4	4 - S. Zullo
K. Barwick - 5	5 - S. Kidson
M. Rooke - 6	6 - S. Maple
P. Ivers - 7	7 - W. Apanian
P. Waine - 8	8 - M. Simmons
S. Mutton - 9	9 - A. Ciscato
M. Smith - 10	10 - B. Beddoni
T. Judge - 11	11 - D. Totaro
Subs	Subs
J. Hadley - 12	12 - V. Nigro
M. Davis - 13	13 - F. Peronace
L. Thomas - 14	14 - M. Tollner
M. Mc Cabe - G/K	15 - R. Petaccia
	G/K - C. Ponticello

WOMENS SOCCER

with **Janene Mar**

AUSSIES IN CLOSE ENCOUNTER

Australia put together its finest performance yet over hosts had former World Champions USA last Thursday in its second match of the US Women's Cup. The game, played at Rutgers Stadium, New Jersey ended with the scoreboard reading 4-2 to USA, the Aussies trailed y just a single goal for the entire second half until the home side converted the killer with just four minutes remaining.

The Australians were originally ensure how to approach the game after the USA had demolished Chinese Taipei 9-0. But the spirited Matildas took the game to the Americans, who are preparing for the Olympics just twelve months away, but also under pressure to perform at home.

USA opened the scoring, but their celebrations were short-lived when young striker Lisa Casagrande produced an equaliser.

In an exciting flurry of play, the hosts went further ahead, with Italian-based striker Angela Iannotta pegging one back before half time to go in at the break with a scoreline of 3-2 to the USA.

Australia suffered a setback in the 60th minute when Iannotta was shown her second yellow card of the match for what appeared a legitimate challenge. Her first had been for dissent.

The side, down a player, fought gallantly until in the closing stages the Americans again broke through for its fourth goal.

National Coach Tom Sermanni praised his charges for their performance, particularly when reduced to ten players.

"The players seen to be relieved at not having the pressures of the World Cup over them, and are prepared to play the ball around," he said. "Quite clearly we are getting more competitive against these top teams, and we should all be very proud of their performances."

"The next thing we need to work on is to no give away silly goals, and to play for the full ninety minutes."

SEMI'S SPOTS UP FOR GRABS

With the final round of WSL Division One to be played this Sunday, Semi-final spots are still very much up for grabs in First Grade. In this the most intense and exciting WSL Competition ever, the battle for a top four placing will go right down to the wire.

Marconi and Sutherland are assured of a berth for the semi's with the remaining tow positions to be fought out between no less than five teams. Still in with a chance are Gladesville Ravens, Sydney Olympic, Newcastle Port Stephens, Cronulla and UWS Macarthur.

With event he bottom placed sides capable of producing an upset, no one will find the going easy in this do-or-die match.

Sydney Olympic and UWS Macarthur face each other in what will be a tense encounter, Olympic keen to bounce back to form after last week's thrashing at the hands of Newcastle.

Ravens need to be wary of NNSW ITC who last weekend produced a brilliant two days of football, going close to taking points off Marconi before conceding two late goals, after having defeated Cronulla the previous day.

Cronulla have an ace up their sleeves however with a catch-up game also to be included in the calculations. Both matches are against the out of form Blacktown City. Newcastle take on the NSW ITC youngster.

In Reserve Grade, semi-final spots are a much more straight forward matter.

Marconi and Cronulla have cemented their one-two placing. In contention for the remaining two places are NNSW Magpies Gladesville Ravens, and UWS Macarthur. The Magpies and Ravens battle is out against each other, with UWS taking on Sydney Olympic.

Despite having the bye as their final round, Marconi in both grades are so far ahead of the pack that they can claim the two premierships for 1995 - quite an impressive performance.

The big-name club recruited heavily in the off season to bolster the already strong group, ensuring solid back up during the regular absences of its four World Cup Team members.

The talented squad has been further bolstered by the direction of new coach Ricky Budini who has given them a new discipline and commitment.

The results complete the story. Marconi's first grade goes through undefeated, dropping only one point for the season, a draw against UWS Macarthur. Other sides have come close, but the experience of Marconi has always come through in the end to produce the goods.

Marconi finished with 59 points to blitz the first grade competition, at least eighteen points ahead of second spot. Reserve grade gained 53 points, at least two points clear of second-placed Cronulla.

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BELMORE ROMP

DIVISION 1
with
PAUL GOODWIN

And so, Belmore are the Premiers. Congratulations to them.

They won the title by two clear points at the finish.

Belmore Hercules make a habit of staging last gasp wins.

In the 1993 Grand Final, for instance, they were a goal down to Mt Druitt, with the final whistle approaching, when they grabbed a stoppage-time equaliser, before going on to win on penalties.

This season, after giving the top pair and at one stage Fairfield and Auburn, too, a big start they came home with a wet sail to win the premiership.

It was indeed a Herculean performance.

Belmore may have surprised even themselves, so poorly were they travelling in mid-season.

The key to their success may have been that they won at least once against all the other top five contenders, picking up 5 points out of 6 against Ryde who could only draw with them the first time, while the others shared wins and losses equally with the premiers.

So many of their wins were last minute affairs that it brought to mind Cyprus United's similar success story three years earlier.

All the teams needed to do to complete the formalities at Blick Oval was to knock over Mt Pritchard, a side they had already hammered at Cook Park, eleven weeks earlier, before really running into top form.

And they did it with a goal in the last few minutes once more.

A 0-0 draw would not have been enough as Central Coast had a much superior goal difference and were leading Dulwich Hill with only ten minutes to go. Though Coast eventually drew 2-2 that would have been enough had Belmore not come up with a superb winner in the 86th minute.

Bill Baltatzis, not a frequent scorer, but a valuable player all the same, hit a screamer from 30 metres to beat Luke McGuire and earn his side a 1-0 win and with it the Premiership

Mt Pritchard had appeals for a penalty turned down just moments earlier when Ivan Maric, after skipping past two lunging tackles, came down in the Belmore box. The referee waved play on and shortly afterwards the Hercules team raised one last effort and clinched the deciding match.

Mounties also came out of the game with distinction, attacking for all they were worth and going very close on a number of occasions.

Ivan Maric stole a ball from a Belmore defender in the first half and proceeded to hit the bar, also missing with a header later in the game.

John White had hit a super 25 metre shot which looked like getting past Angelo Rodic who just managed to deflect the all onto the all with a fingertip save.

The incident which might have changed the fortunes of both Belmore and Coast came very late. Maric, according to Mounties spokesmen, was rough down from behind and had a penalty been awarded then it could have been curtains for Belmore.

That's not how it panned out, of course, so in his first year of coaching Nick Theodorakopoulos has achieved instant success.

Bravo Belmore!

At Arlington Oval Central Coast sped to a 2-0 lead against Dulwich Hill before surrendering it late and ending up being held 2-2.

Damien Brown crossed smartly and Andrew Clark to play a good ball out to Nathan Brown, whose cross was nicely headed in by Matthew Heighway.

This 16th minute goal was quickly followed by another from Heighway who tidied up after a shot had come back off the bar.

Daryl Harvey also hit the bar for Coast, who were without Glen Sprod, Jason Huxley and Paul Roberts on this occasion.

Dulwich Hill fought back well and scored with an excellent individual goal by Victor Rebelo. The nippy wingman got down the right byline well and then squeezed the ball between Jason Homes and the post in the 27th minute.

It stayed at 2-1 until the 82nd minute then two players in the final games of their respective careers, Dave Naylor and Craig Bass, both attempted to go out on a scoring note.

Sepp Disch, not the retiring type himself, crossed from the right and Bass got his header in first to beat Holmes - and Naylor - to notch an equaliser.

As it turned out even a win for Coast would not have been enough.

But the Hill's Bass and Naylor it was a fitting end to a distinguished State League career.

Ryde City and Fairfield played a typical game of two halves at TG Millner Field to wind up with a 1-1 draw.

Ryde looked the part in the first half and Fairfield didn't get much of a look in.

Ryde hit the front when Paul Watkins took a throw on the left finding John McKie who got to the byline cleverly and sent over a delightful cross for Alan Welsh to head home at the far post.

A free kick on the hour yielded Fairfield a deserved equaliser in a second half which hey dominated.

From right in front and only 20 metres out Osvaldo El Ali cheekily chipped the ball into the top right corner of Fernando Greco's goal.

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HOME PREMIERS

Ryde were unhappy that Greco was still positioning his wall and was unprepared when the kick was taken, with a minimum of fuss.
Fairfield had other chances to score and were unlucky in the first half when Greco saved brilliantly with a low dive to stop a close range shot from Zia Yunan in the 34th minute.
John McKie also had a shot saved at the other end during this period.
With Samir Isa leading the Fairfield attack with flair, the Bulls looked superior after a sluggish first half, while Ryde were reduced to ten men with the dismissal of Watkins soon after the equaliser had been scored.
El Ali was a lurking presence throughout, popping up everywhere in almost a libero's role, seeming to defend one moment on the right and e attacking down the left in the next.
He earned a good hand when he left the scene late, as much for his all-round contribution as for his points-winning goal.
The draw allowed Fairfield to edge out Auburn, ho lost their top five place in going down 3-0 to West Wanderers at Chopin Park.
Wests were understrength and played six Under 18 players alongside seniors Bill Pilovski, Jon Langan and Sasha Spiroski. Shane Crampton was also out, as well as Vlado Mickovski, Kevin Vella and Leo Bacic.
Despite this Wests won convincingly and coach Pilovski was very happy man to see his young side do so well.
Ben Wright followed up on a shot by Robbie Portelli which had hit the keeper to put West in front in the 34th minute.
A good run and cross from the right by Martin Cassar led to a superb volley by Adolf Kalemusic in the 41st to give Wests a nice two goal cushion at the break.
Then in the 69th Portelli hit one from outside the box which with the aid of the crossfield breeze, found the top corner of the net.
With Auburn losing, a chance was created for Southern Minotaurs to work their way into the top five for the first time and they did just that and with style.
Comprehensive victors, 4-1, at Fred Caterson Reserve, Minotaurs never gave Hills a chance until late in scoring an own goal to make it look more respectable.
Tony Mihaljevic got through and gave Minotaurs a lead in the 24th minute, working along the goalline and then finding a gap big enough to poke the ball into between Terry Ide and the post.
Six minutes later Mihaljevic had another, wrong footing the 'keeper as he ran through to face him.
Jim Palapanis converted a penalty for Minotaurs in the 42nd after Boris Contreras had been brought down and then Jimmy Nikas struck one well past Ide after a fine team build up in the 59th.
The lone Hills goal game after Jason Eagar had put in a good cross and under pressure from Randell Easthorpe, defender Manuel Sarikakis turned the ball into his own net.
Minotaurs are the form team of the finals, winning five of their last seven, beaten only by Fairfield and Belmore to burst into contention late.
Minotaurs did it without three key players they have relied on all season, Socratis Bakafoukas, Peter Tsekenis and Peter Spais, but coach Peter Sarikakis will not change a winning combination.
He is delighted that his preseason prediction that the team would make the semi's has come true and especially since so many youngsters have been given their chance too. His Under 21's also qualified, but success is catching up with him.
As coach of teams Minotaurs have at all age level he will be hard pressed to guide them all this coming weekend as so many have qualified and the various semi-finals venues as far-flung. Liverpool ended a wretched season on a bright note by picking up two points, their first all year, from a 1-1 draw at Wentworth Park against Sydney Cosmos.
Coach of Liverpool, Water Alvarez, was cock-a-hoop after what he called a tactical victory.
With four of his side, including himself, having already played an Under 21 game, Alvarez had to come up with a formula to be competitive.
He pushed industrious Jason Robinson into the midfield and brought experienced Vaughan Reynolds into the sweeper's spot.
He also welcomed back Sasha Jovanovic, who, along with Garcia, Edwards and Lavarez had all done a turn in the Under 21's earlier.
Reynolds, attempting a clearance, succeeded only in putting into his own net in the 30th to give Cosmos a lead, but Liverpool were undaunted by his and played some good football.
In the 65th signs of a coming goal were provided by Ray Carney gained possession from a 'keeper's clearance on half way.

Carney played a one-two with Jovanovic and then found Walter Croker whose shot hit the bar.
Carney then grabbed a 70th minute equaliser when he was on hand to put away the rebound after Dragan Radocaj's free kick had been only parried by the Cosmos 'keeper.
It was a long overdue reward for the club which had looked like going the whole season without a single point to their name.
The Finals series begins this weekend with Belmore sitting this one out.

Southern Minotaurs face Fairfield in an intriguing sudden-death semi-final at Pluim Park on Saturday. Fairfield had little trouble in beating Minotaurs 3-1 on both previous meetings but it may not be so easy now that the side has got its confidence sky high. Minotaurs have already won on the ground recently.

In Sunday's game at Lynwood Park, Central Coast meets Ryde City in what shapes as a replay of their recent 0-0 draw at Pluim Park.
Vic Bozanic says that his side is pretty sore about missing out on the title and believes that some side is going to suffer because of that during the next few weeks.

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DIVISION ONE

Preliminary Semi-Final

CENTRAL COAST V RYDE CITY GUNNERS

Lynwood Park, Sunday 13th August

FIRST GRADE 3 pm

Jason Holmes - 1	1 - Fernando Greco
Steve Cutler - 2	2 - Chris Cowley
Dale Eggleton - 3	3 - Chris Butt
Andrew Ollier - 4	4 - Warren Gronau
Andrew Clark - 5	5 - Ashley Williamson
Mark Drysdale - 6	6 - Rick Piotrowski
Glen Sprod - 7	7 - Alan Welsh
Craig Thompson - 8	8 - Jeff Kelly
Damien Brown - 9	9 - Alf Cirino
Json Huxley - 10	10 - John McKie
Matthew Heighway - 11	11 - Rick Giometti
Subs	Subs
Steve Lilley - 12	12 - Rick Giometti
Nathan Bryne - 13	13 - John Flack
Damon Cronshaw - 14	22 - Andrew Prentice
Mathew Whitelaw - 20	

DIVISION ONE

Elimination Semi-Final

FAIRFIELD BULLS V SOUTHERN MINOTAURS

Pluim Park, Saturday 12th August

FIRST GRADE 3 pm

Richard Artesi - 20	1 - John Mylonas
Jere Matosin - 2	2 - John Athoussakis
Dragan Grujic - 3	3 - Con Kristallis
Robert Grubba - 4	5 - Sam Panagakis
Yucel Cetinay - 5	4 - Matthew Remondos
Samir Isa - 6	6 - Manuel Sarikakis
Zia Younan - 7	7 - Boris Contreras
Leo Pintos - 8	8 - Billy Drossos
Adnan Odisho - 9	9 - John Palapanis
Osvaldo El Ali - 10	10 - Tony Mihaljevic
Richard Machado - 11	11 - Jim Nikas
Subs	Subs
Khalid Kando - 1	12 - Socratis Bakafoukas
Aydin Cetinay - 12	13 - Spiros Poulos
Johnathon Aglus - 16	14 - Jim Aliferis
Matthew Borg - 14	15 - Con Alexander
Ulisses Da Silva - 13	20 - Greg Gregoriou
Adam Mammoliti - 15	

DIVISION 1 IN REVIEW

Each week we will look, in turn, at the clubs which made the 1995 1st Division season so enjoyable.
Every club has had its moment to savour.

AUBURN UNITED

On paper Auburn had a poorer side that the previous year and much few top players than they had in 1993 when runners-up.
Back then, with the likes of Alex Araujo, Cristian and Marcello Ortiz, Danny Cerjak and Tom Bazdaric in the side, it was expected that they would perform to a very high level.
This time around it needed all of Mike Johnson's magic to coax the players into being a top five side for most to the campaign and many of their number fell away as the season unwound.
Skillful but inconsistent players left the club and hard working ones came in to settle the side down.
Plagued by injuries, striker Nihat Ahmed impressed from the start and had he been available in every game many more points might have been garnered.
Problems with goalkeeping, after an injury to Mehmet Silkeci mid-season, were never resolved.
The injury problems suffered by Ivan Petkovic who made such an impact in his first few games did not help.
Ozan Celik returned but too late to make much of an impact, while other drifted in and out of the squad.
Nabil Codmani scored five goals against Ryde, his former club to help his side to a double, but did not achieve the same consistency against other teams.
Ugur Taskin was a good leader, once he got the job, but discipline within the team was often a problem he along could not solve.
It was at the finish the lack of scoring ability which let the side down as the supply of goals simply dried up.
The defence was solid and worked hard, but silly goals were given away for a variety of reasons in the latter stages of the season especially.
The promise, early on, or delight for their largely Turkish supporters turned sour near the end as games got away from them and Auburn had to settle for sixth spot, one point out of the top five cut-off.
Win - 10; Score Draw 4; Draw 1; Loss 7; Goals For 30; Goals Against 33 - Points 39
Top Scorer - Nihat Ahmed
Player of the Future - Adam Moras

BELMORE HERCULES

What more can be said about Belmore, Premiers for 1995.
It was an all round super year.
Beginning like a house on fire the promise of great achievements shone like a beacon until they got a 4-1 drubbing by Fairfield Bulls at their own Blick Oval on their first appearance at home this year.
They then seemed to lose confidence and were hammered 5-3 by Dulwich Hill at Arlington to make them take stock, especially of the defence.
They brought in a couple of new players and began to put it together again, but had lost much valuable ground in the meantime.
They had a big squad and were glad of it when injuries to important players like Jim Melissourgos and Perry Giannopoulos sapped their strength.
The ability of the side, particularly in the second round, to win games against tough opponents with late goals earned them many admirers.
Inch by inch, week by week, they lifted themselves away from the lower reaches of the ladder to work into the top five and gave themselves, even a few weeks before the end, a solid chance of staying in the top five; no more.
Then the realisation dawned. They could win it, if results went their way: and that's just what happened.
Southern Minotaurs shocked Central Coast in winning 1-0 at Pluim Park in a deferred midweek game to put Belmore within striking distance all of a sudden.
It then needed Central Coast or Ryde to drop more points and they did it against each other in the penultimate round, with a 0-0 draw.
All Belmore had to do was win their last match and they did it with two minutes to spare!
Goalkeeper Angelo Rodic conceded only five in the last ten matches, lifting his form when it was most needed and the rest of the side worked as a unit, the defence tightening considerably on previous years.
Jason Petrides was a high success on the win and John Cosentino, who came in midway through, was a hit as a dependable, over lapping fullback.

George Kalogeras came up with too many late winners to mention, his vast experience being such a factor in the team's success.
Jason Lal was a great foil for Rod Palomino and scored his share of goals, the pairing working very effectively together.

The addition of Gerry Mamolis was also important and both Robert Sacco and Harry Kouklidis played a big part as well under the quiet authority and guidance of Manny Spanoudakis.
The club was in just the right frame of mind in the closing weeks as they had already

reached their goal of making the five and were taking any other successes as a bonus.
They were therefore more relaxed than many other sides.

Now they will give it their best shot to get the double.
For first season coach Nick Theodorakopoulos it was a season of immense satisfaction:

Increased sponsorship and the sale of Palomino to a Belgian club boosted the club's coffers and he played a big part in both lots of negotiations.

Win - 16; Score Draw 2; Draw 0; Loss 4; Goals For 50; Goals Against 31 - Points 52
Top Scorer - Rod Palomino (15 goals)
Player of the Future - Jason Lal

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MARCONI BACK ON TOP

IAN MARRIOTT on YOUTH LEAGUE

Marconi Fairfield Under 15's are back on top of the premiership ladder in the NIB Super Youth League after Parramatta Eagles were kept to a scoreless draw by Southern Districts.

The Southern - Eagles match was a very close affair, surprisingly so considering the distance between the two on the table.

Both teams had numerous opportunities including open goals for the Eagles and three one on ones for Southern, but as the match wore on and more and more easy chances were missed by other sides it became obvious that this was to be one of those games where no team would cross the goal mouth.

Marconi have moved to the top but it was by no means an easy task with Sutherland applying plenty of pressure and coming close on a number of occasions however the Fairfielders defence held.

Sydney Olympic managed to stay inside the four after a fine display against third placed Wollongong wolves saw them 2-0 winners and able to maintain the one point lead over Sydney United who had few problems disposing of Warringah Dolphins.

With just two matches remaining Parramatta and Marconi will fill the top two spots but only one point separates the next three from which one of them will miss out.

EAGLES IN SCORELESS DRAW

This weekend Wollongong meets St George, Sydney Olympic faces the tough Sutherland outfit and Sydney United clash with Parramatta Eagles. This match, on paper is the toughest of the lot.

Should both Olympic and Wollongong win this weekend and United lose then the final four will be decided. United must win to stay in with a chance.

Only five teams now remain in with a chance in the Under 13's. While Marconi managed to overcome Sutherland they are now mathematically out of it thanks to a solid win by Sydney Olympic and the realisation was the result credited to St George a few weeks ago should have in fact read a 5-0 win to Olympic.

Parramatta Eagles kept a strong hold on their lead of the competition and should now go on to win it after beating Southern Districts 3-2.

Southern have now had their lead over fourth position cut to just four points and must play Macarthur this weekend. A win for Southern would guarantee them third spot and a place at the state titles but a loss would place a large amount of pressure of them to ensure they win their final encounter with a much improved Marconi side.

Blacktown City also scored three valuable points over the weekend but remain tow behind Olympic in fifth place.

This weekend the Demons meet Adamstown while Olympic play Sutherland. Neither match can be considered an easy one.

Sydney United have moved away from the wooden spoon by gaining two points in a 2-2 draw with Warringah, the points allowing them to overtake St George for the first time this season.

Parramatta Eagles secured the minor premiership in the Under 16's on the weekend after drawing 1-1 with Southern Districts. They now have a six point lead and a huge goal difference average.

Blacktown have now moved into second position and the chances of two bites at the cherry after a close 1-0 win over St George and the loss by Wollongong City to Sydney Olympic.

Olympic have struggled somewhat in recent weeks but managed to collect themselves in time last week eventually winning a highly entertaining match 4-3. If these two sides meet in the semis it will be one to watch for as they both play tremendous football and will certainly prove to be a classic encounter.

Sydney United had few problems disposing of Warringah which least them with a dramatically improved goal average but still one point shy of fourth placed Wollongong City.

Adamstown Rosebuds are also still in with an outside chance after demolishing the Rockdale Suns 5-0.

The Rosebuds have a rescheduled match against Macarthur to play this weekend but will be more concerned about their first up clash which is against Blacktown City on Saturday.

Sydney United will also have their work cut out as they need to beat the Eagles this weekend. A loss to either United or the Rosebuds will almost certainly bring down the curtain on their 1995 season.

Sydney Olympic will play the Sutherland Sharks while Wollongong meets St George and once again neither team an afford any slip ups.

St George in particular have been providing some impressive results over recent weeks. Both Sydney United and Parramatta Eagles are one step closer to achieving their dream in the Under 14's after both were successful over the weekend.

United secured a 3-0 win over

FUTURE STAR

NAME: **Ivan Necevski**
CLUB: Blacktown City Demons
AGE: 15
POSITION: Goalkeeper
AIMS: To play for the Australian National Team
FAVOURTIE PLAYERS: Marco Gianni (Lazio)
GREATEST INFLUENCE: My Dad, My Goalkeeper Coach
GREATEST HATE: Hot and windy weather
GREATEST THRILL: Making a good save
FAVOURITE TEAMS: Juventus, Lazio, Blacktown City
PERSONAL STRENGTHS: Good Saves
NEED TO WORK ON: Goal kicks

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nib YOUTH LEAGUE REPORT
with Ian Marriott

Warringah while Parramatta needed only one goal to dispose of Southern Districts.The Eagles were brim full of enthusiasm and Southern Districts were rarely ale to apply nay pressure on Parramatta's goal.

The game may well have ended in a 0-0 draw but for a smart piece of work from a free kick by the Eagles and poor defending by Southern.

Neither Macarthur or Bankstown were able to gain maximum points from their match leaving both sides with a tough assignment ahead particularly Bankstown who are likely to be out of contention even if they do win this weekend against Marconi.

Macarthur clashes with Southern Districts and both sides need points, Macarthur to stay alive and Southern to ensure themselves of second position which is suddenly under fire from United.

Blacktown City scored a 1-0 win over St George to keep themselves alive and Adamstown had few problems with Rockdale winning 4-0.

These two meet this weekend in what will be a great confrontation between two very differing style of football.

The losing team can be fairly certain that they ware finished for 1995 while the winners will almost certainly be inside the top four after this weekend depending on the outcome of the Parramatta Eagles Sydney United clash.

So three super heavy matches this weekend, but the chances of that in this ultra tight competition, the final four will not be any closer to recognition on Monday than it is now.

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The season is coming to an end and referee appointments are being made for finals series fixtures. This week I shall briefly outlines how these appoints are made, but first some more questions.

1. A player charges an opponent 'shoulder to shoulder' when the ball is two metres away. The referee should:
a. allow play to proceed
b. stop play and award an indirect free-kick against the player.
c. stop play and award a direct free-kick against the player.

2. The ball is clearly going into goal when a defender deliberately handles the ball to prevent a goal being scored. After awarding the penalty the referee should:
a. take no further action
b. caution the player
c. send the player off.

3. The defending team is awarded a direct free-kick outside their penalty area after one of their players was tripped. The defender taking the free-kick decides to pass the all back to the goalkeeper who slips and the all, without being touched, passes directly into goal. The referee should:
a. have the kick re-taken
b. award a goal-kick
c. award a corner-kick
d. award a goal

4. The all is kicked straight into the opponent's goal from the kick-off. The referee should:
a. award the goal
b. award a goal-kick
c. order the kick to be retaken

Appointments to semi-finals and finals are based on performance throughout the season. Clubs evaluations and Inspector's marks are combined and the referees who have the highest marks are appointed to the 'honour' games. Unlike other codes, the referees are chosen from the group who have been officiating in that division during the season.

Referees who who have not fulfilled training and meeting requirements are not considered for these fixtures.

Answers: *1 - b, the ball was not within playing distance; 2 - c; 3 - c, a goal can only be directly scored against the offending team; 4 - b, a goal cannot be scored from the kick-off.*

DIVISION 1 and 2 YOUTH LEAGUE REPORTS

with Zlatko Kolaroski

GLADESVILLE STEAL POINTS IN ALL GRADES

Gladesville Hornsby were the big winners from the weekends round of football as Round 24 of the NIB Division One Youth League came to an end.

They were able to come away with maximum points from every age group when they met up with Macquarie Sports.

This was an opportunity well taken considering their is only two games left of the season.

The Under 13's Gladesville Hornsby side are still holding onto their 4th position after their weekend match resulting in a 2-0 victory.

Hornsby are now on 50 points and with a marginal difference of 6 points from 5th place team Blacktown Association.

Equal 2nd placed Ku-ring-gai Association experienced their third loss for the season when they met up with the undefeated league leaders of the competition Central Coast.

Although both teams playing high level football, the Central Coast lads were in a a league of their own defeating Ku-ring-gai 3-1.

Central Coast now lead the competition by 16 points, putting their Premiership cap in their pockets.

Blacktown Association made their chance of entering the top four even slimmer on the weekend when they settled for a 0-0 draw against 7th place Nepean Association. Blacktown now, will need to win the remainder of their matches, and rely on Gladesville's results to favour them. And even then goal difference will need to be considered before they can enter the play offs.

Current Under 14's leaders Gladesville Hornsby managed to advance a few points away when they defeated Macquarie Sports 6-1. They were able to leap into a 5 point lead from 2nd place, Southern who had the weekend off, having played their Round 24 fixture already.

4th placed Blacktown Association have safeguarded their position in the top four, even though drawing their match against Nepean Association 0-0.

Blacktown who are 9 points away from 5th placed Leichhardt Tigers will be looking at improving their current form come play offs time.

Bankstown Association managed to win their match against the Bonnyrigg White Eagles on the weekend.

Bankstown who are currently sitting in 8th position showed off their potential to the crowd and will be looking at displaying the same performance for their last two matches, defeating 10th placed Bonnyrigg 2-1.

In the Under 15's competition, Bankstown Association are continuing to apply pressure to 4th placed Gladesville Hornsby and their weekend 0-0 draw against league leaders Bonnyrigg White Eagles should be one reason why Gladesville should watch their backs.

Bankstown who are now only 3 points behind the 4th placed team will be also trying to keep their potential threats within tack.

6th placed Southern Branch are also looking very eager to enter the play offs.

Southern who had a bye this weekend will be looking at coming back next week full steam ahead, knowing that they are only 4 points away form the top four.

Parramatta City's chance of taking the Premiership cap has long gone this year. Although winning their match against St Johns Park 2-1, Parramatta's previous results eliminated the chance of finishing number one and claiming maximum points in their remaining two matches will not be sufficient enough to take over Bonnyrigg's position.

As the season draws to an end, the Under 16's ladder is looking very competitive and it will be very difficult to determine who will fulfil the 3rd and 4th positions.

1st and 2nd placed Bonnyrigg White Eagles and Gladesville Hornsby will be in a battle of their own in working out who will take out the Premiership, while teams with the likes of Macquarie Sports, Central Coast, Leichhardt Tigers, and even 6th placed Ku-ring-gai Association will be battling out to see who will be in the top four at the end of the season.

Macquarie's opportunity of leaving this tight contest was not taken this weekend when they went down to 2nd placed Gladesville Hornsby 1-0.

The three points would have assured Macquarie a sole 3rd spot.

Central Coast managed to defeat Ku-ring-gai Association 2-1 making themselves eligible to share the 43 points with Macquarie and Leichhardt. With only goal difference separating these teams, it will be interesting to see who will remain in the top four in two weeks time.

FUTURE STAR

NAME: Denis Cop
CLUB: Sydney United
AGE: 16
POSITION: Defensive Midfield
AIMS: To play Overseas
FAVOURTIE PLAYERS: Bonban, Roberto Baggio
GREATEST INFLUENCE: Chico Vojnovic
GREATEST HATE: Smoking
GREATEST THRILL: Winning
FAVOURITE TEAMS: AC Milan, Manchester United
PERSONAL STRENGTHS: Good footwork, speed
NEED TO WORK ON: Strength, shooting

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nib DIVISION 1 and 2 YOUTH LEAGUE REPORTS

with Zlatko Kolaroski

DOUBLE HEADER WEEKEND

This week, the NIB Division Two Youth League competition witnessed a double header with both Round 24 and 25 being played.

This was a great opportunity for clubs to advance quickly and vigorously up the Club Championship Ladder.

The Illawarra Lions Club did exactly that.

Having met Hawkesbury City in Round 24, and Liverpool City in Round 25, they were able to take 24 points way which will go towards their Club Championship goal.

In the Under 13's competition, AC United continue to lead the competition 64 points.

They were unfortunate in claiming maximum points on the weekend, winning only one match against Hills United 1-0, and the other a 0-0 draw against CSI Schofields who could pose as their treat after the weekend's performance.

4th placed Mt Pritchard are currently sitting on a stable and secure position. They are within a 10 point margin from 5th placed Canterbury Association, who on the weekend were able to defeat the Mounties 2-1 in the Round 25 fixtures

Having been unsuccessful in one match, they were able to come out with a win in the other match defeating 2nd placed Springwood 3-2. The Mounties are now down one spot into 4th.

The Under 14's ladder has witnessed some changes in the top four. The Stanmore Hawks were unable to cling onto the number three position after losing both their matches on the weekend against 5th placed Ryde City and 2nd placed CSI Schofields 1-0 and 2-1 respectively.

The six points offered would have assured Stanmore a safe 3rd position.

The Illawarra Lions continue to lead the competition after defeating both Hawkesbury City and Liverpool City 1-0 and 3-0 respectively.

The six points assured the Lions of having authority of the number one position after 2nd placed CSI Schofields drew 1-1 with AC United in their Round 24 line up. It will be vital for Illawarra to win their last match in order to confirm their position on the ladder.

In the Under 15's CSI Schofields let their Premiership hopes slip from under them when they lost 3-1 to AC United and drew with the Stanmore Hawks 1-1. These results enabled Mt Pritchard to lead the competition by 1 point after defeating Canterbury Association 1-0, and drawing 1-1 with Springwood.

Illawarra has to depend on Mt Pritchard and CSI Schofields to lose in order for them to claim the number one position.

They too were successful to both games, defeating Hawkesbury City 2-0 in Round 24, and Liverpool City 10-1 in Round 25 of their match fixtures.

The battle between 1st and 2nd in the Under 16's competition took place on the weekend which resulted in 2-0 victory and 2nd placed CSI against league winners Stanmore Hawks.

Stanmore Hawks virtually wrapped their Premiership cap before actually playing CSI, allowing themselves to take the match lightly. This was done through their 1-0 win over Ryde City in Round 24's matches.

Canterbury Association have joined up with Ryde City on 53 points by defeating Sutherland and Mt Pritchard 6-1 and 2-0 respectively, and at the moment look like they will be taking part in the play offs at the end of the season.

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UNDER 13

TEAMS	P	W	SD	D	L	F	A	DIF	PTS
PARRAMATTA EAGLES	24	19	3	0	2	84	20	64	63
MACARTHUR RAMS	23	18	2	1	2	54	18	36	59
SOUTHERN DISTRICT	24	16	3	0	5	48	32	16	54
SYDNEY OLYMPIC	24	14	5	0	5	52	28	24	52
BLACKTOWN DEMONS	24	15	2	1	6	59	18	41	50
MARCONI	24	11	5	3	5	40	24	16	46
SUTHERLAND SHARKS	24	8	5	2	9	27	32	-5	36
WOLLONGONG CITY	24	10	1	2	11	49	38	11	34
ADAMSTOWN ROSEBUD	23	8	2	1	12	29	39	-10	29
WARRINGAH DOLPHIN	24	4	7	1	12	24	52	-28	27
BANKSTOWN LIONS	24	5	2	1	16	18	44	-26	20
ROCKDALE SUNS	24	4	2	2	16	15	58	-43	18
SYDNEY UNITED	24	2	3	2	17	13	51	-31	14
ST GEORGE SAINTS	24	3	2	0	19	16	76	-5[illegible]	13

DIVISION ONE - Under 13

TEAMS	P	W	SD	D	L	F	A	DIF	PTS
CENTRAL COAST	24	22	1	1	0	79	8	71	69
BANKSTOWN ASSOC	24	14	5	1	4	57	25	32	53
KU-RING-GAI ASSOC	24	13	6	2	3	48	21	27	53
GLADESVILLE H/BY	24	14	3	2	5	48	19	29	50
BLACKTOWN ASSOC	24	9	7	3	5	29	27	2	44
SOUTHERN BRANCH	24	12	1	2	9	30	27	3	40
NEPEAN ASSOC	24	9	3	2	10	41	36	5	35
GRANVILLE ASSOC	24	9	4	0	11	32	42	-10	35
PARRAMATTA CITY	24	7	3	0	14	31	51	-20	27
MACQUARIE SPORTS	24	8	1	1	14	28	55	-27	27
EASTERN SUBURBS	24	5	5	1	13	24	34	-10	26
LEICHHARDT TIGERS	24	6	3	2	13	26	46	-20	26
ST JOHNS PARK	24	3	5	0	16	14	57	-43	19
BONNYRIGG EAGLES	24	4	1	1	18	16	55	-39	15

UNDER 14

	P	W	SD	D	L	F	A	DIF	PTS
SYDNEY OLYMPIC	24	19	2	2	1	51	8	43	63
SOUTHERN DISTRICT	24	16	1	0	7	69	27	42	50
SYDNEY UNITED	24	14	2	1	7	44	20	24	47
PARRAMATTA EAGLES	24	13	1	5	5	33	21	12	46
BLACKTOWN DEMONS	24	12	3	2	7	40	18	22	44
ADAMSTOWN ROSEBUD	23	12	2	2	7	50	30	20	42
BANKSTOWN LIONS	24	11	4	0	9	38	38	0	41
MACARTHUR RAMS	23	9	5	2	7	35	29	6	39
MARCONI	24	9	2	1	12	28	42	-14	32
WARRINGAH DOLPHIN	24	6	6	1	11	28	41	-13	31
WOLLONGONG CITY	24	6	4	1	13	29	45	-16	27
ST GEORGE SAINTS	24	4	6	1	13	26	40	-14	25
SUTHERLAND SHARKS	24	4	4	1	15	27	60	-33	21
ROCKDALE SUNS	24	0	2	1	21	11	90	-79	5

UNDER 14

	P	W	SD	D	L	F	A	DIF	PTS
GLADESVILLE H/BY	24	22	0	0	2	106	12	94	66
SOUTHERN BRANCH	24	19	2	0	3	74	19	55	61
CENTRAL COAST	24	16	4	0	4	54	24	30	56
BLACKTOWN ASSOC	24	15	3	2	4	52	10	42	53
LEICHHARDT TIGERS	24	14	1	0	9	42	35	7	44
NEPEAN ASSOC	24	10	4	2	8	42	40	2	40
ST JOHNS PARK	24	9	2	1	12	23	45	-22	32
BANKSTOWN ASSOC	24	7	4	3	10	23	47	-24	32
PARRAMATTA CITY	24	9	1	2	12	45	33	12	31
BONNYRIGG EAGLES	24	6	4	1	13	27	46	-19	27
EASTERN SUBURBS	24	7	1	2	14	20	44	-24	25
GRANVILLE ASSOC	24	6	2	1	15	35	67	-32	23
KU-RING-GAI ASSOC	24	3	2	2	17	18	67	-49	15
MACQUARIE SPORTS	24	1	2	0	21	24	96	-72	7

UNDER 15

	P	W	SD	D	L	F	A	DIF	PTS
MARCONI	24	16	5	1	2	63	24	39	59
PARRAMATTA EAGLES	24	18	2	1	3	63	27	36	59
WOLLONGONG CITY	24	14	5	0	5	65	29	36	52
SYDNEY OLYMPIC	24	15	3	1	5	56	37	19	52
SYDNEY UNITED	24	15	3	0	6	69	42	27	51
SUTHERLAND SHARKS	24	9	5	2	8	47	29	18	39
BLACKTOWN DEMONS	24	12	0	1	11	42	35	7	37
MACARTHUR RAMS	23	10	1	1	11	45	39	6	33
SOUTHERN DISTRICT	24	7	4	3	10	36	52	-16	32
ST GEORGE SAINTS	24	8	2	2	12	24	35	-11	30
ROCKDALE SUNS	24	8	2	2	12	41	59	-18	30
BANKSTOWN LIONS	24	2	4	2	16	21	74	-53	16
ADAMSTOWN ROSEBUD	23	1	4	2	16	18	46	-28	13
WARRINGAH DOLPHIN	24	3	0	0	21	18	80	-62	9

UNDER 15

	P	W	SD	D	L	F	A	DIF	PTS
BONNYRIGG EAGLES	24	17	4	1	2	52	15	37	60
PARRAMATTA CITY	24	15	4	0	5	45	22	23	53
CENTRAL COAST	24	12	4	4	4	35	24	11	48
GLADESVILLE H/BY	24	15	1	0	8	43	25	18	47
BANKSTOWN ASSOC	24	12	3	2	7	37	25	12	44
SOUTHERN BRANCH	24	11	4	2	7	45	44	1	43
ST JOHNS PARK	24	10	3	2	9	29	26	3	38
GRANVILLE ASSOC	24	9	2	4	9	23	20	3	35
BLACKTOWN ASSOC	24	7	5	2	10	33	33	0	33
EASTERN SUBURBS	24	10	1	0	13	32	39	-7	32
MACQUARIE SPORTS	24	7	1	1	15	13	33	-20	24
LEICHHARDT TIGERS	24	3	5	3	13	15	40	-25	22
KU-RING-GAI ASSOC	24	5	1	2	16	22	42	-20	19
NEPEAN ASSOC	24	2	4	1	17	16	52	-36	15

UNDER 16

	P	W	SD	D	L	F	A	DIF	PTS
PARRAMATTA EAGLES	24	17	3	3	1	69	13	56	60
BLACKTOWN DEMONS	24	16	2	2	4	49	17	32	54
SYDNEY OLYMPIC	24	13	5	3	3	57	27	30	52
WOLLONGONG CITY	24	15	3	0	6	79	31	48	51
SYDNEY UNITED	24	13	4	3	4	78	29	49	50
ADAMSTOWN ROSEBUD	23	11	5	3	4	42	22	20	46
MARCONI	24	13	1	1	9	76	37	39	42
SOUTHERN DISTRICT	24	10	5	1	8	50	32	18	41
ST GEORGE SAINTS	24	10	5	1	8	43	37	6	41
BANKSTOWN LIONS	24	5	5	1	13	36	53	-17	26
SUTHERLAND SHARKS	24	7	1	0	16	27	64	-37	23
WARRINGAH DOLPHIN	24	4	2	1	17	20	78	-58	17
MACARTHUR RAMS	23	1	2	1	19	17	87	-70	8
ROCKDALE SUNS	24	0	1	0	23	12	128	-116	2

UNDER 16

	P	W	SD	D	L	F	A	DIF	PTS
BONNYRIGG EAGLES	24	19	2	2	1	62	17	45	63
GLADESVILLE H/BY	24	17	4	2	1	77	15	62	61
MACQUARIE SPORTS	24	11	5	0	8	45	29	16	43
CENTRAL COAST	24	12	2	3	7	33	19	14	43
LEICHHARDT TIGERS	24	11	4	2	7	43	37	6	43
KU-RING-GAI ASSOC	24	9	5	2	8	27	27	0	39
BANKSTOWN ASSOC	24	6	8	1	9	27	33	-6	35
PARRAMATTA CITY	24	8	4	3	9	26	33	-7	35
BLACKTOWN ASSOC	24	8	4	2	10	28	34	-6	34
SOUTHERN BRANCH	24	5	7	3	9	28	36	-8	32
NEPEAN ASSOC	24	7	3	1	13	33	44	-11	28
GRANVILLE ASSOC	24	6	2	2	14	26	58	-32	24
EASTERN SUBURBS	24	5	4	1	14	23	56	-33	24
ST JOHNS PARK	24	4	2	0	18	24	64	-40	16

SUPER YOUTH LEAGUE - COMBINED

PARRAMATTA EAGLES	96	67	9	9	11	249	81	168	228
SYDNEY OLYMPIC	96	61	15	6	14	216	100	116	219
BLACKTOWN DEMONS	96	55	7	6	28	190	88	102	185
MARCONI	96	49	13	6	28	207	127	80	179
SOUTHERN DISTRICT	96	49	13	4	30	203	143	60	177
WOLLONGONG CITY	96	45	13	3	35	222	143	79	164
SYDNEY UNITED	96	44	12	6	34	204	142	62	162
MACARTHUR RAMS	92	38	10	5	39	151	173	-22	139
ADAMSTOWN ROSEBUD	92	32	13	8	39	139	137	2	130
SUTHERLAND SHARKS	96	26	15	5	48	126	185	-57	119
ST GEORGE SAINTS	96	25	15	4	52	111	188	-77	109
BANKSTOWN LIONS	96	23	15	4	54	113	209	-96	103
WARRINGAH DOLPHIN	96	17	15	3	61	90	251	-161	84
ROCKDALE SUNS	96	12	7	5	72	79	335	-256	55

DIV 1 YOUTH LEAGUE - COMBINED

GLADESVILLE H/BY	96	68	8	4	16	274	71	203	224
CENTRAL COAST	96	62	11	8	15	201	75	126	216
SOUTHERN BRANCH	96	47	14	7	28	177	126	51	176
BONNYRIGG EAGLES	96	46	11	5	34	157	133	24	165
BLACKTOWN ASSOC	96	39	19	9	29	142	104	38	164
BANKSTOWN ASSOC	96	39	20	7	30	144	130	14	164
PARRAMATTA CITY	96	39	12	5	40	147	139	8	146
LEICHHARDT TIGERS	96	34	13	7	42	126	158	-32	135
KU-RING-GAI ASSOC	96	30	14	8	44	115	157	-42	126
NEPEAN ASSOC	96	28	14	6	48	132	172	-40	118
GRANVILLE ASSOC	96	30	10	7	49	116	187	-71	117
EASTERN SUBURBS	96	27	11	4	54	99	173	-74	107
ST JOHNS PARK	96	26	12	3	55	90	192	-102	105
MACQUARIE SPORTS	96	27	9	2	58	110	213	-103	101

YOUTH LEAGUE POINTS TABLES

DIVISION TWO - Under 13

TEAMS	P	W	SD	D	L	F	A	DIF	PTS
AC UNITED	25	20	2	0	3	70	15	55	64
SPRINGWOOD	25	19	1	1	4	85	18	67	60
CSI SCHOFIELDS	25	17	3	2	3	61	20	41	59
MT PRITCHARD	25	17	3	0	5	78	25	53	57
CANTERBURY ASSOC	25	11	7	0	7	43	39	4	47
ILLAWARRA LIONS	25	14	2	0	9	67	29	38	46
SUTHERLAND ASSOC	25	11	4	3	7	39	26	13	44
STANMORE HAWKS	25	9	4	2	10	30	48	-18	37
CANTERBURY M/VILL	25	8	1	1	15	31	78	-47	27
RYDE CITY GUNNERS	25	6	2	3	14	30	36	-6	25
HILLS UNITED	25	4	5	3	13	21	37	-16	25
LIVERPOOL CITY	25	6	0	2	17	27	85	-58	20
HAWKESBURY CITY	25	2	5	2	16	16	57	-41	18
MT DRUITT TOWN	25	0	3	1	21	11	96	-85	7

UNDER 14

ILLAWARRA LIONS	25	20	2	0	3	62	14	48	64
CSI SCHOFIELDS	25	19	3	0	3	55	18	37	63
CANTERBURY ASSOC	25	16	3	1	5	52	26	26	55
STANMORE HAWKS	25	15	3	2	5	42	19	23	53
RYDE CITY GUNNERS	25	15	2	1	7	43	29	14	50
AC UNITED	25	12	3	0	10	41	28	13	42
HILLS UNITED	25	11	2	1	11	32	22	10	38
CANTERBURY M/VILL	25	9	2	2	12	26	39	-13	33
SUTHERLAND ASSOC	25	9	1	1	14	28	34	-6	30
MT PRITCHARD	25	8	2	2	13	20	36	-16	30
LIVERPOOL CITY	25	5	1	2	17	12	46	-34	19
SPRINGWOOD	25	4	2	2	17	14	43	-29	18
HAWKESBURY CITY	25	4	2	2	17	13	52	-39	18
MT DRUITT TOWN	25	3	2	4	16	9	43	-34	17

UNDER 15

MT PRITCHARD	25	18	2	2	3	59	12	47	60
CSI SCHOFIELDS	25	18	2	1	4	75	24	51	59
ILLAWARRA LIONS	25	17	2	3	3	50	16	34	58
STANMORE HAWKS	25	12	4	3	6	48	26	22	47
HILLS UNITED	25	13	2	4	6	38	21	17	47
SPRINGWOOD	25	11	4	3	7	44	28	16	44
CANTERBURY M/VILL	24	13	1	0	10	45	32	13	41
AC UNITED	24	12	1	1	10	42	41	1	39
SUTHERLAND ASSOC	25	11	1	1	12	40	29	11	36
RYDE CITY GUNNERS	25	6	3	3	13	22	34	-12	27
MT DRUITT TOWN	25	6	3	1	15	33	56	-23	25
HAWKESBURY CITY	25	6	0	3	16	22	50	-28	21
CANTERBURY ASSOC	25	5	0	1	19	35	55	-20	16
LIVERPOOL CITY	25	0	1	0	24	5	134	-129	2

UNDER 16

STANMORE HAWKS	25	18	3	3	1	53	14	39	63
CSI SCHOFIELDS	25	17	3	2	3	58	18	40	59
CANTERBURY ASSOC	25	15	4	0	6	54	36	28	53
RYDE CITY GUNNERS	25	13	6	2	4	40	17	23	53
ILLAWARRA LIONS	25	10	7	2	6	30	30	0	46
CANTERBURY M/VILL	25	11	6	0	8	52	34	18	45
SPRINGWOOD	25	12	2	1	10	55	32	23	41
MT PRITCHARD	25	9	6	2	8	33	30	3	41
AC UNITED	25	11	3	1	10	37	43	-6	40
SUTHERLAND ASSOC	25	9	3	1	12	36	38	-2	34
HILLS UNITED*	25	11	0	1	13	40	46	-6	34
MT DRUITT TOWN	25	5	3	0	17	23	49	-26	21
HAWKESBURY CITY	25	0	3	0	22	15	71	-56	6
LIVERPOOL CITY	25	1	1	1	22	21	99	-78	6

NIB DIV. 2 YOUTH - COMBINED

CSI SCHOFIELDS	100	71	11	5	13	249	80	169	240
ILLAWARRA LIONS	100	61	13	5	21	209	89	120	214
STANMORE HAWKS	100	54	14	10	22	173	107	66	200
MT PRITCHARD	100	52	13	6	29	190	103	87	168
AC UNITED	99	55	9	2	33	190	127	63	165
CANTERBURY ASSOC	100	47	14	2	37	194	156	38	171
SPRINGWOOD	100	46	9	7	38	198	121	77	163
RYDE CITY GUNNERS	100	40	13	9	38	135	116	19	155
CANTERBURY M/VILL	99	41	10	3	45	154	183	-29	146
SUTHERLAND ASSOC	100	40	9	6	45	143	127	16	144
HILLS UNITED	100	39	9	9	43	131	126	5	144
MT DRUITT TOWN	100	14	11	5	69	76	244	-168	70
HAWKESBURY CITY	100	12	10	7	71	66	230	-164	63
LIVERPOOL CITY	100	12	3	5	80	65	364	-299	47

WOMENS STATE LEAGUE DIV. 1
1st GRADE

TEAMS	P	W	SD	D	L	F	A	DIF	PTS
MARCONI SC	20	19	1	0	0	69	16	53	59
SUTHERLAND SHARKS	19	11	2	1	5	25	17	8	38
GLADESVILLE RAVEN	19	11	1	1	6	32	25	7	36
SYDNEY OLYMPIC	19	10	2	0	7	39	36	3	34
NICASTLE PT STEPH	19	8	4	0	7	45	34	11	32
CRONULLA	17	8	3	1	5	32	16	16	31
UWS MACARTHUR	19	8	3	1	7	27	26	1	31
BLACKTOWN CITY	18	6	2	3	7	25	30	-5	25
NNSW ITC	18	3	1	1	13	14	37	-23	12
NSW ITC	19	2	3	0	14	24	51	-27	12
LIVERPOOL CITY	19	1	2	0	16	13	57	-44	7

2ND GRADE

TEAMS	P	W	SD	D	L	F	A	DIF	PTS
MARCONI SC	20	17	1	0	2	68	20	48	53
CRONULLA	18	14	2	0	2	54	20	34	46
MAGPIES	18	9	3	1	5	43	27	16	34
GLADESVILLE RAVEN	19	9	3	1	6	30	17	13	34
UWS MACARTHUR	19	8	4	1	6	28	25	3	33
SYDNEY OLYMPIC	19	6	4	1	8	22	39	-17	27
SUTHERLAND SHARKS	19	6	2	2	9	28	38	-10	24
NICASTLE PT STEPH	19	4	4	2	9	21	35	-14	22
PENRITH	19	3	4	3	9	17	33	-16	20
LIVERPOOL CITY	19	3	1	4	11	13	39	-26	15
BLACKTOWN CITY	19	1	4	1	13	17	48	-31	12

WOMENS STATE LEAGUE DIV. 2

TEAMS	P	W	SD	D	L	F	A	DIF	PTS
BATHURST CITY	15	12	2	1	0	45	5	40	41
FAIRFIELD (2)	15	7	4	0	4	38	13	25	29
SUTHERLAND	15	8	2	0	5	28	13	15	28
MACARTHUR (1)	15	6	1	1	7	21	20	1	21
FAIRFIELD (1)	15	3	1	2	9	10	28	-18	13
MACARTHUR (2)	15	1	0	2	12	4	67	-63	5

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NSW SOCCER FEDERATION: Super League: First Grade: Macarthur Rams 1 (S Baillie 51m) bt Sutherland Sharks 0, Blacktown City Demons 0 Leichhardt Tigers 0, Canterbury Berries 2 (B Raeburn 61m T Divlijak 77m) bt Adamstown Rosebud 0, Rockdale Suns 1 (I McDonald 72m) St George Saints 1 (A Araujo 87m), Bankstown City Lions 8 (A Surjan 6m S Gilbert 15m/57m S Boskovski 36m N Joseski 57m/59m M Todoroski 66m S Petrovski 84m) bt Stanmore Hawks 1 (J Oldridge 82m), Warringah Dolphins 2 (J Bennett 16m R Etherington 69m) bt Illawarra Lions 1 (L Naumovski 18m), Mt Druitt Town Rangers 0 Bonnyrigg White Eagles 0. **U21:** Macarthur Rams 2 bt Sutherland Sharks 0, Blacktown City Demons 1 Leichhardt Tigers 1, Adamstown Rosebud bt Canterbury Marrickville Berries 0, St George Saints 1 bt Rockdale Suns 0, Bankstown City Lions 0 Stanmore Hawks 0, Warringah Dolphins 7 bt Illawarra Lions 1, Bonnyrigg White Eagles 7 bt Mt Druitt Town Rangers 1. **U18:** Macarthur Rams 4 bt Sutherland Sharks 3, Blacktown City Demons 4 bt Leichhardt Tigers 1, Adamstown Rosebud 4 bt Canterbury Berries 0, St George Saints 2 bt Rockdale Suns 0, Bankstown City Lions 3 bt Stanmore Hawks 1, Warringah Dolphins 6 bt Illawarra Lions 1, Bonnyrigg White Eagles 2 bt Mt Druitt Town Rangers 1.

DIVISION ONE: First Grade: Dulwich Hill 2 (V Rebelo 27th C Bass 82nd) Central Coast 2 (M Heighway 16th M Drysdale 18th), Ryde City 1 (A Welsh 17th) Fairfield Bulls 1 (O El Ali 39th), West Wanderers 3 (B Wright 34th A Kalemusic 41st R Portelli 69th) bt Auburn United 0,Belmore Hercules 1 (B Baltatzis 86th) bt Mt Pritchard 0, Southern Minotaurs 4 (A Mihaljevic 24/30th J Palapanis 42nd J Nikas 59th) bt Hills United 1 (N Sarikakis OG) Sydney Cosmos 1 (V Reynolds OG 30th) Liverpool City 1 (R Carney). **U21:** Central Coast 2 bt Dulwich Hill 0, Ryde City 0 Fairfield Bulls 0, West Wanderers 1 Auburn United 1, Mt Pritchard 7 bt Belmore Hercules 1, Southern Minotaurs 3 bt Hills United 1, Sydney Cosmos 10 bt Liverpool City 0. **U18:** Dulwich Hill 1 Central Coast 1, Ryde City 3 bt Fairfield Bulls 0, Auburn United 4 West Wanderers 3, Mt Pritchard 2 bt Belmore Hercules 1, Southern Minotaurs 3 Hills United 2.

DIVISION TWO: First Grade: Bathurst '75 bt St John's Park 1, Trasandinos 2 Parramatta City 2, Concord Juniors 6 Colo Colo 2, Bankstown Sports 3 bt Hurstville 1, Sydney District 2 bt Penrith 1. **U21:** Bathurst '75 6 bt St John's Park 0, Trasandinos 6 bt Parramatta City 2, Concord Juniors 2 bt Colo Colo 0, Bankstown Sports 4 bt Hurstville 2, University of NSW 4 bt Granville Greenisland 0, Sydney District 2 bt Penrith Panthers 0. **U18:** Bathurst '75 5 bt St John's Park 0, Parramatta City 4 bt Trasandinos 1, Colo Colo 1 bt Concord Juniors 0, Hurstville 1 bt Bankstown Sports 0, University of NSW 12 bt Granville Greenisland 1, Penrith Panthers 3 bt Sydney District 0.

DIVISION THREE: First Grade: Prairiewood United 1 bt Hakoah 0, Earlwood Hermes 8 bt White City 1, Greystanes 2 bt Gladesville United 0, Sporting SSC 3 bt Sporting Club Marrickville 1, Prospect United 2 Alexandria Warriors 2, Moorebank Sports 3 bt AC United 2. **Second Grade:** Prairiewood United 1 Hakoah 1, White City 5 bt Earlwood Hermes 1, Gladesville United 1 bt Greystanes 0, Prospect United 4 bt Alexandria Warriors 2, AC United 3 bt Moorebank Sports 1.

DIVISION FOUR: Preliminary Semi Final: First Grade: Hawkesbury City 4 bt The Wanderers 0. Second Grade: Balmain 2 bt Sydney University 1. **Elimination Semi Final: First Grade:** CSI Schofields 3 bt Springwood 2. **Second Grade:** The Wanderers 2 bt Springwood 1.

DIVISION FIVE: Preliminary Semi Final: First Grade: St Joseph's 2 bt Fairfield Kings 1. Second Grade: Marrickville 2 bt Abbotsford 0. **Elimination Semi Final: First Grade:** Marrickville 1 bt Ancliffe Lions 0 (AET). Second Grade: United Eagles 4 bt Austral Racing 0.

DIVISION SIX: First Grade: Queens Park 13 bt ACPE/ UWS Nepean 0, Bossy 2 bt Nepean Districts 1. Kingsford 0 Maroubra United 0. **Second Grade:** ACPE/ UWS Nepean 3 bt Queens Park 1 Nepean Districts 3 bt Bossy 0, Kingsford 1 Maroubra United 1.

WOMEN'S STATE LEAGUE: Div One: First Grade: Marconi 3 bt Northern NSW ITC 1, Gladesville Ravens 4 bt NSW ITC 0, Newcastle Port Stephens 6 bt Sydney Olympic 1, UWS Macarthur 1 bt Liverpool City 0, Sutherland Shire 3 bt Blacktown City 1. **Second Grade:** Marconi 2 Magpies 2, Gladesville Ravens 1 bt Penrith 0, Sydney Olympic 1 bt Newcastle Port Stephens 0, UWS Macarthur 1 bt Liverpool City 0, Sutherland Shire 4 bt Blacktown City 0. Div Two: Bathurst City 1 bt Macarthur (1) 0, Fairfield Bulls (2) 1 Sutherland 1, Fairfield Bulls (1) forfeited to Macarthur (2).

NIB SUPER YOUTH LEAGUE: UNDER 13: Sydney United 2 Warringah Dolphins 2, Parramatta Eagles 3 bt Southern Districts 2, Macarthur Rams 3 bt Bankstown City 0, Marconi 2 bt Sutherland Shire 1, Sydney Olympic 5 bt Wollongong City 0, Blacktown City 2 bt St George Saints 0, Adamstown Rosebud 1 bt Rockdale Suns 0. **UNDER 14:** Sydney United 3 bt Warringah Dolphins 0, Parramatta Eagles 1 bt Southern Districts 0, Bankstown City 1 Macarthur Rams 1, Sutherland Shire 3 bt Marconi 2, Sydney Olympic 5 bt Wollongong City 0, Blacktown City 1 bt St George Saints 0, Adamstown Rosebud 4 bt Rockdale Suns 0. **UNDER 15:** Sydney United 5 bt Warringah Dolphins 1, Southern Districts 0 Parramatta Eagles 0, Bankstown City 0 Macarthur Rams 0, Marconi 1 bt Sutherland Shire 0, Sydney Olympic 2 bt Wollongong City 0, St George Saints 2 bt Blacktown City 0, Rockdale Suns 6 bt Adamstown Rosebud 0. **UNDER16:** Sydney United 6 bt Warringah Dolphins 0, Southern Districts 1 Parramatta Eagles 1, Bankstown City 5 bt Macarthur Rams 0, Marconi 3 bt Sutherland Shire 0, Sydney Olympic 4 bt Wollongong City 3, Blacktown City 1 bt St George Saints 0, Adamstown Rosebud 5 bt Rockdale Suns 0.

NIB DIVISION ONE YOUTH LEAGUE : UNDER 13: Central Coast 3 bt Ku-Ring gai Assoc. 1, Granville Association 1 Eastern Suburbs 1, Bankstown Assoc. 3 bt Bonnyrigg White Eagles 0, Gladesville Hornsby 2 bt Macquarie Sports 0, Parramatta City 2 bt St Johns Park 1, Nepean Association 0 Blacktown Association 0. **UNDER 14:** Central Coast 4 bt Ku-Ring-Gai Assoc. 0, Eastern Suburbs 3 bt Granville Assoc. 1, Bankstown Association 2 bt Bonnyrigg White Eagles 1, Gladesville Hornsby 6 bt Macquarie Sports 1, St Johns Park 2 bt Parramatta City 1, Nepean Association 0 Blacktown Association 1. **UNDER 15:** Ku-Ring-Gai Association 0 Central Coast 0, Granville Association 1 bt Eastern Suburbs 0, Bonnyrigg White Eagles 0 Bankstown Association 0, Gladesville Hornsby 3 bt Macquarie Sports 2, Parramatta City 2 bt St Johns Park 1, Blacktown Association 1 bt Nepean Association 0. **UNDER 16:** Central Coast 2 bt Ku-Ring-Gai Association 1, Granville Association 3 bt Eastern Suburbs 1, Bonnyrigg White Eagles 4 bt Bankstown Association 1, Gladesville Hornsby 1 bt Macquarie Sports 0, Parramatta City 3 bt St Johns Park 0, Nepean Association 2 Blacktown Association 2.

NIB DIVISION TWO YOUTH LEAGUE: UNDER 13: RD 24: Illawarra Lions 3 bt Hawkesbury City 0, Sutherland Shire 3 bt Canterbury Association 2, Mt Pritchard 3 bt Springwood 2, Canterbury Marrickville 3 bt Mt Druitt Town 1, Stanmore Hawks 1 bt Ryde City 0, AC United 1 CSI Schofields 1, Liverpool City 2 bt Hills United 1, RD 25: Illawarra Lions 7 bt Liverpool City 2, Sutherland Association 1 bt Hawkesbury City 0, Canterbury Association 2 bt Mt Pritchard 1, Springwood 7 bt Canterbury Berries 1, Ryde City 4 bt Mt Druitt Town Rangers 0, CSI Schofields 2 bt Stanmore Hawks 1, AC United 1 bt Hills United 0. **UNDER 14:** RD 24: Illawarra Lions 1 bt Hawkesbury City 0, Canterbury Association 3 bt Sutherland Shire 0, Mt Pritchard 1 bt Springwood 0, Canterbury Marrickville 1 bt Mt Druitt Town 0, Ryde City 1 bt Stanmore Hawks 0, AC United 1 CSI Schofields 1, Hills United 2 bt Liverpool City 0, RD 25: Illawarra Lions 3 bt Liverpool City 0, Sutherland Association 1 bt Hawkesbury City 0, Canterbury Association 4 bt Mt Pritchard 0, Canterbury Berries 2 bt Springwood 0, Ryde City 4 bt Mt Druitt Town Rangers 1, CSI Schofields 2 bt Stanmore Hawks 1, Hills United 1 bt AC United 0. **UNDER 15:** RD 24: Illawarra Lions 2 bt Hawkesbury City 0, Sutherland Shire 3 bt Canterbury Association 0, Springwood 1 Mt Pritchard 1, Canterbury Marrickville 4 bt Mt Druitt Town 2, Stanmore Hawks 0 bt Ryde City 0, AC United 3 bt CSI Schofields 1, Hills United 6 bt Liverpool City 0, RD 25: Illawarra Lions 10 bt Liverpool City 1, Sutherland Association 4 bt Hawkesbury City 0, Mt Pritchard 1 bt Canterbury Association 0, Springwood 1 bt Canterbury Berries 0, Ryde City 1 Mt Druitt Town Rangers 1, CSI Schofields 1 Stanmore Hawks 1, Hills United 0 AC United 0. **UNDER 16:** RD 24: Illawarra Lions 3 bt Hawkesbury City 0, Canterbury Association 6 bt Sutherland Shire 1, Springwood 3 bt Mt Pritchard 0, Canterbury Marrickville 3 bt Mt Druitt Town 2, Stanmore Hawks 1 bt Ryde City 0, CSI Schofields 5 bt AC United 0, Hills United 4 bt Liverpool City 1. RD 25: Illawarra Lions 5 bt Liverpool City 1, Sutherland Association 3 bt Hawkesbury City 0, Canterbury Association 2 bt Mt Pritchard 0, Canterbury Berries 1 Springwood 1, Ryde City 2 bt Mt Druitt Town Ra